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GOLD NIXES PARKING FEE

Tyler Dumont
Critic Correspondent

Students, faculty, and staff will continue to park for free.

"The parking fee was considered after a strong perception last year was that we were having a financial crisis," Gold said. "It is a way to generate more revenue for the college."

Questions on who the fee would be applied to, where on campus it would be applied, how it would be enforced, and what the costs were that might be necessary quickly surrounded Gold.

"Students were very concerned where the money would go and what it would be used for. All of those questions were and remain, to an extent, very legiti-

mate questions," Gold said. "As incoming interim president, I looked over the whole situation, and decided to look over some of the questions to find if there were some reasonable answers, and figure out how much money would be generated from a parking fee."

Some students have said it's not necessarily a bad thing for LSC.

"I wouldn't mind," said Alise Vandal, a junior. "Almost every other school has one. As long as it's not excessive, like \$75. If it's a necessity for the school and would cut costs in other areas, it's a good idea. Some public schools in Connecticut charge around \$200," she said.

Other students, many of whom are already paying nearly

an extra \$1,000 to insure their vehicle because they reside in another state, didn't take the proposed new fee lightly.

"I'm not a fan of it," said freshman Robert Balfour. "Its extra money, and we're already paying at least \$20,000 to come here. We should at least be able to park for free," he said.

Gold said there was a small surplus from the end of last year that was able to cover the school's bonded indebtedness.

"It's hard enough for students to pay for college, why put in an extra fee if we don't absolutely need it?" he said.

As for next year, the decision on whether or not to implement one will be up to the new president

UPDATE: SOLAR AT LSC

Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

Just before the holiday break professor Ben Luce and a crew of Sustainability students and professors put together the new Solar Array outside of LSC's Alumni House. Their hopes were to have all of the wiring connected and have the array fully functioning by the beginning of term January 17th. Professor Luce was happy to give an update on the solar array project.

According to Luce the project's wiring has not been completed just yet.

"We wanted a lot of student involvement," says Luce.

To keep the students as active participants in the project it was necessary to take a pause over the break leaving the majority of the work finished but the project incomplete.

"There has been a lot of preparation work just for the installation," Luce says.

The project has been over a year in the making if financing is considered not to mention excavating the site and stabilizing the bases of the solar panels. The Sustainability team simply ran out of time before many students left the area to return home for the holidays.

According to Luce, the final wiring and mounting of converter boxes should take no more than an afternoon. He wants the students to be the main electricians for the final piece of the project but ensures that there

will be a licensed electrician on the scene to over-see the work being done and to make sure the wiring and installation is up to code regulations.

"I am planning on setting up the electronics on a table here first so everyone can see and learn how it is going to be set up, and so they can learn the technical aspects like how the electrical work should be done for safety reasons," says Luce.

This project has been all about learning and will continue to be. The Sustainability students, possibly collaborating with the Meteorology students, will be the ones taking notes on the Solar Array, its output and the conditions in which it is working to convert solar energy. They will take the data they collect and use it to help create a simulation program specific to the conditions in the Northeast Kingdom.

If this first system goes well, there is entertainment of adding roof top solar arrays to the school's buildings to make the school even more eco-friendly however the best way to fund such a project is a concern as the college is a non-profit organization and therefore cannot take advantage of the tax incentives most businesses use when they install roof top solar arrays.

Professor Luce has told everyone to stay tuned to the progress of the solar array project and says there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in the near future.

FAILURE TO LAUNCH

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

This past December, Lyndon celebrated the graduation of 46 students and sent them off with the skills they need for the real world.

Excited and eager to engage in the work force these graduates soon were faced with the harsh reality of the current economy.

"The job hunt has been a little hard, the economy is terrible but I'm hopeful," said Nora Barney, a recent graduate of the music business and industry department. "My advice to students would be to keep going after what you want; graduating can be scary and stressful but just keep going after what you want in all aspect of life."

According to a report by The Economist this past fall, the un-

employment rate for 15 to 24 year olds is almost 20 percent, much higher than the national unemployment average of about 9 percent. This epidemic the country faces is truly troublesome and is leading to more and more students to move back home with their parents.

Lindsey Profenno, a recent graduate of the electronic journalism arts program, has done just that.

"Since graduating, I've moved home and am working part time jobs until I get a TV break. I've sent out about 45 demo reels, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I will get a call back soon," said Profenno.

Despite the hardships, these students are still very active and optimistic in their future. While many are crippled by student

debt and unemployment, their advice to students seems to be the same. Profenno concluded by saying that she would tell students to enjoy every minute of college and to never give up on their dreams.

Dave Marks, also a recent graduate of the electronic journalism arts department is taking a different approach than the typical college graduate. Marks is currently working part time as a substitute teacher, and opening a stand at a local flea market in Connecticut.

"Most people ask me what I am doing by opening my own booth at a flea market. I see it that I am young and that I enjoy meeting people every day, and with this small business venture I am able to do just that," said Marks.

Campus Calendar

Sat. 1/28: Intramural Wallyball
Tues. 1/31: Mens B-Ball vs. Johnson State
Wed. 2/1: Jean Charles plays guitar

A Quote to Note

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined."
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Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Last week, members of the Lyndon community received an email reporting that some foreign students had been subjected to verbal abuse and "stereotyped insults." Although the email did not include specifics, it's likely that the insults involved ethnic slurs. It's an unfortunate fact that we humans have used our literary skills to come up with foul sobriquets for just about every ethnic, religious, racial, political, and economic group on the planet. This is nothing to be proud of and is a long way from Martin Luther King's hope that his children would be judged by the "content of their character."

We can agree that this kind of behavior is reprehensible. But what you may not know is how threatening it is to human life on Earth. It's a common belief that the ability to hurt—even kill—our human brothers and sisters is part of the makeup we inherited from our more brutish ancestors, but this is not really true.

Almost all of us have a block against harming others when we

see them face-to-face as fellow human beings. In World War 2 it took more than 50,000 rounds of ammunition to kill a single German or Japanese soldier. Even when trained to kill, few soldiers have the stomach to shoot or thrust a bayonet into the body of another human being and then watch dispassionately the look of agony as the enemy drops to the ground and dies.

In World War 2, less than one out of seven American soldiers actually fired at the enemy. Yet this may have been an improvement over the Civil War. Most soldiers in either blue or gray uniforms had single-shot percussion rifles. They were trained to stand and fire, reload and fire again.

The target was a line of troops typically a short distance away. Since the load and fire cycle only took about fifteen seconds, a line of 800 soldiers should be able to hit four or five hundred enemy soldiers in the first minute. Instead there were just a handful of hits because most never even fired their weapons at the other side.

In wartime, artillery fire, heavy machine guns and explosives cause most casualties. These are weapons that deal death at a distance relieving the killer of the responsibility for killing.

Now we have the ultimate weapon to kill at a distance, drones that can be directed from a comfortable office on the other side of the planet. There is no need to see bloodshed, either of insurgents or of innocents targeted by mistake. All in a day's work, then home for dinner and a few hours in front of the TV.

Now what does this have to do with the danger of racial slurs? Simply this. In war, military leaders have found that the way to overcome the resistance of their troops to up-close-and-personal killing, is to dehumanize the enemy. It may be hard to face and kill an enemy who, like yourself, has a spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters at home. It's much easier to kill a Nip, a Kraut, a towel-head or a gook.

The same is true of the other side. Viet Cong soldiers referred to Americans as "big hairy

monkeys." And they often ate monkeys. In public, bin Laden called us Crusaders; who knows what he called us in private.

None of this is new. The Inquisition didn't torture and burn people. Their efforts were directed against heretics, witches and those in league with Satan. The Spanish conquistadores had no problem enslaving or slaughtering the indigenous peoples of the Americas. To the Spanish mind this was not really murder. In fact, if savages would accept Jesus before death they were sent to heaven by the weapons or flames that took their lives.

Roosevelt, thought of by many as a great humanitarian, put American citizens with Japanese ancestry in camps surrounded by barbed wire and machine gun towers. And millions of Jews who would have escaped to America from Hitler's Reich were denied that privilege and ended up in gas chambers. Eleanor, an icon of early women's liberation, didn't like Jews.

So the next time you hear an ethnic or racial slur, remember that this is but the first small step to genocide.

Words Can Kill!

Public Safety Log

1/7- Reckless Driving- Stonehenge- Keep rollin', rollin', rollin', rollin'!

1/17-Marijuana-Gray House- Can I get 2 large medium pizzas?

1/18-Larceny-Vail- No ones going to miss this...

1/21-Marijuana- SPlot- Guys, I just realized. The Kitchen is a place.

1/22-Underage Drinking- Whitelaw- I was born in 1964!

1/24- Threatening behavior- Rodgers- It's my way or the highway.

1/24-Traffic violation-rodgers- Get out of the car right meow

1/13-Marijuana- Arnold- How high are you? Yes!

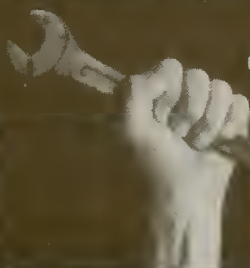
1/14- Drugs-Whitelaw- I swear that unicorn is in this room

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New Recruits Paying Off for Men's Basketball

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

The Men's basketball team had to make some adjustments during winter break, and they seem to be paying off.

Over the teams past four games, the team was able to go two and two, while picking up their first two wins of the season.

"We added four new players to our rotation," said head coach Joe Krupinski. "We've been trying to find minutes for the new players, and it's given our team some nice depth."

With a 2-15 record, the men

beat two conference opponents in Maine Maritime and Green Mountain College. "We're beating the teams that we should be able to beat, but we just aren't playing well enough to beat the best teams in the conference," said coach Krupinski.

The teams most recent game ended up being a loss to Colby-Sawyer College, 77-61. Krupinski believes that it's all about getting hot at the right time.

"Once you get into the Conference tournament, all you have to do is play your best and win three games, and you season can be a success."

Towards the end of the season, the hornets have a tough matchup. They'll face off at home against the number one ranked division three men's team in the country, Middlebury, at 7:30 p.m.

"We have a tough, out of conference, matchup against Middlebury, and it should be interesting."

The men will travel to Henniker, New Hampshire to play New England College on Saturday, January 28 3 P.M. They then host Johnson State College on Tuesday, January 31, where tip-off will be at 7:30 p.m.

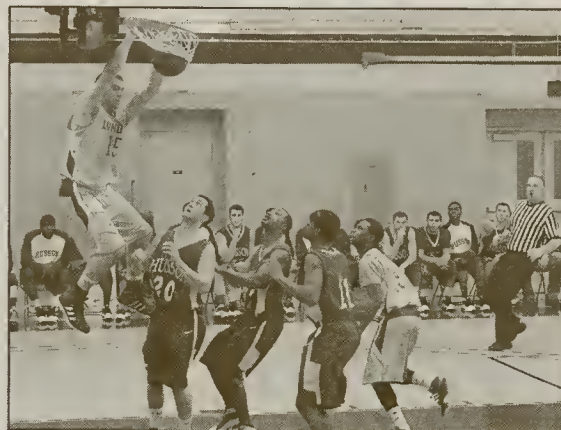


Photo by Eric Blaisdell

Jason Gray dunking an alley-oop against Husson.

Women's Basketball a Little Too Fresh

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Consistency is the goal when it comes to the Lyndon State College's Women's Basketball team.

Part of the reason why the play of the Lady Hornets is lacking is the youth of the team: 10 of the 14 players are underclassmen.

Head Coach Vinnie Maloney feels that the young roster is still taking time to develop.

"It's youth, it's inexperience. A lot of it is a lack of confidence from us," Maloney said.

More time together has certainly benefited the team. After starting off with a 2-4 record before the women took winter break, the Lady Hornets have bounced back to a 4-6 record since.

Sophomore guard Chelsea Watson attributes the turn-

around to improved defensive play.

"Our defense was one of our biggest weaknesses, but now it's our biggest strength... Now that our defense is there, it's like the whole picture. Everything's come together," Watson said.

The resilience of the team has certainly showed in spurts, as it was able to secure both a home and road win against Green Mountain College and Norwich College, respectively.

Watson thinks that the girls are more pumped to play than before.

"We finally have a consistent amount of energy. It's on the bench, it's on the court. No matter who goes in, the energy level stays consistent," Watson said.

Senior guard Naomi White believes that the team must go petal-to-the-metal in order to

establish success down the road.

"There's really no time to stop and think about things. You just have to kind of go for it," White said.

As of right now, however, White only sees that happening some of the time.

"We have our moments. It's one of those things, in basketball, where you kind of have to come out ready to go no matter what," White said.

Certainly White, Watson, and the rest of their teammates cannot control the past. What they can control is the upcoming Saturday contest against North Atlantic Conference opponent New England College. Familiarity will be the key in this matchup, as the two teams faced off on December 3, with NEC prevailing by a 58-49 tally.

White is confident that the Lady Hornets can handle their business if the effort is there for a full game.

"We know that we're able to beat them (New England College). It's just a matter of putting in an entire game... We need that full 40 minutes to come out with a win," White said.

Watson believes that the team has something to not only to prove against NEC, but to the entire NAC conference as well.

"We kind of want that (NEC) game back. We want to prove to everybody in our conference that we can play with the best, compete with best, and beat the best," Watson said.



Photo by Eric Blaisdell

Donna Lawson putting in a lay-up against Husson.

Deja-Blue

John Kazar
Alex Farnworth
Critic Columnists

It smells like 2008.

No, Mankind has not perfected time travel, but we will be seeing the same two teams in Super Bowl XLVI as we did just four seasons ago.

The New York Giants will once again meet the New England Patriots in a much anticipated matchup in Indianapolis. Many will not forget when the Giants handed the Pats their first loss of the season, ending their run at perfection and the first possible 19-0 season.

Highlights of Super Bowl XLII included the infamous helmet catch by Giants' wide receiver David Tyree, or the final touchdown of the game by Plaxico Burress. But as many people know, a bit has changed since that game.

Now it is time for Brady and the gang to get revenge on those G-Men as there are various factors and side-stories going into this game. How will a team with the 31st ranked pass defense handle

the trio of receivers that New York has? But on the other side, how will a Giants' secondary that has been decimated with injuries since the start of the season, slow down players like Wes Welker or Rob Gronkowski?

One key factor that will determine the outcome of this game will be the Giants pass rush versus Tom Brady and the Patriots' stellar offensive line that has only allowed one sack in two games this postseason. Jason Pierre-Paul and company recorded 48 sacks in the regular season, which was good enough for third in the NFL.

What is truly at stake in this Super Bowl rematch? If the Patriots win, then Brady will get his fourth ring, tying Montana and Terry Bradshaw for the most all-time amongst quarterbacks. If the Giants win, then Eli Manning snags his second ring, giving him more than his brother Peyton. Either way, sparks will be flying in Indy on February 5th.

Prediction: Giants win 24-23

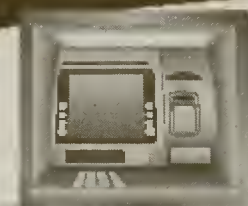
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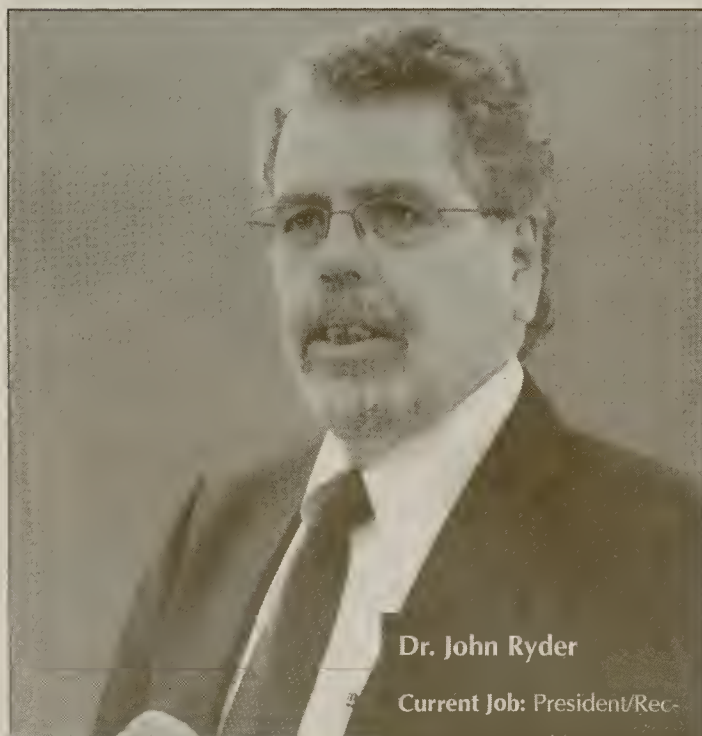
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The Final Four:



Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Dr. John Ryder brings an international perspective to Lyndon State College.

Ryder's work as the president of Khazar University in Baku, Azerbaijan for the past year and a half has given him a different perspective that he would use back here in Vermont.

"One of the things we need to do at Lyndon and at other institutions in the U.S. is to broaden the scope of our attention, so to speak, to internationalize in some larger sense and there are a lot of ways to do that," said Ryder. "The United States is too insular, too inward looking. It comes from our own power as a society and as a nation. We are powerful enough not to pay attention. Everyone else (in the world) knows that that's not true."

He has also spent 22 years at the State University of New York College in Cortland, New York and has worked as a teacher and a dean.

"What I bring is many years of experience in public higher education, experience from both an on campus perspective and a system perspective," said Ryder. "I bring, based on international experience, a pretty good sense of issues facing higher education in the U.S. and abroad. I have a commitment to a university's social engagement to its responsibility to community, both local community and more broadly."

The size of LSC fits Ryder just fine.

"I like small universities because it presents a daily opportunity to be connected with everybody, especially students because students are the majority of the population," said Ryder. "At larger universities there is so much more than occupies a senior administrator's time that you can forget that you're even at a college. I like this kind of environment."

He sees the connection with LSC to the Northeast Kingdom an opportunity.

Dr. John Ryder

Current Job: President/Rektor at Khazar University in Baku, Azerbaijan

Background: Philosophy

"I think that is very exciting for a higher education institution," Ryder said. "What the university needs to do is enter into or sustain conversations with the community to see what we can do for each other. We need their help as well."

He has a background in philosophy which gives him a different outlook than other administrators.

"We have the ability to think things to death and that's not good," said Ryder. "So one has to control that, but ideally the benefits of a philosophical education or a philosophical mind are to be able to see through the surface of problems and to analyze things in a way that helps you reach a sense of what to do about them. For me that's been a useful capability in addressing problems, analyzing problems."

Having been a faculty member himself at SUNY Cortland he can empathize and work better with faculty.

"A faculty environment is a unique kind of thing," said Ryder. "University professors have an extraordinary amount of independence. There is a culture that has developed around it and people expect to be outspoken, they expect to be active in ways they decide are important. They don't wait around for people to tell them what to do."

If offered, Ryder would take this job as a long-term arrangement.

"There's an opportunity here and it is an opportunity that sits well with my experience and my interests," he said. "I'm interested in a position where I can feel comfortable, people are comfortable with me and I can make a contribution. If offered the position I would stick around for a while."



Photos by Sierra Willenburg

Dr. Michael Sonntag

Current Job: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of Maine at Presque Isle

Background: Psychology

Dr. Michael Sonntag is more familiar with Lyndon State College than the average candidate.

Sonntag was a member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation team that recently gave LSC reaccreditation last year, so he knows the ins and outs of the school better than most.

"It strikes me as an institution that's poised for very positive growth," he said. "It is clearly very consciously doing the kind of reflective work to figure out what it wants to be and implementing that. That is exciting to me. The next president will have to be a major part of that, understanding what the stakeholders are needing and wanting."

The stakeholders Sonntag is referring to are students, faculty, staff, the community, business people, and legislators.

He is currently the vice president at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and is relatively young for the position.

"I'm 44 years old," said Sonntag. "Some might say that is early in your career. I've done things a little bit early. I took the vice president position a little bit early. I do things early because I like the challenge."

He sees why that might cause some to pause.

"So if there is a downside it's that I'm young and inexperienced at this kind of stuff," said Sonntag. "Of course the flip side is I'm early in my career. I can't afford to mess this up. I'm going to work hard. If I mess this up I'm not going to get another presidency. That motivates me. I have a very strong work ethic. I'm

going to do whatever I have to do to be successful."

Sonntag's background in psychology can help him as an administrator when it comes to conflict.

"I bring my background all the time to deescalate those kinds of things," he said. "In higher education people have a lot of very deeply, very dearly held ideas and they are incredibly bright people who are trained to articulate and argue their point. So confrontation is going to happen all the time. It is what higher education is about, wrestling with ideas and conflicting ideas, but we have to do it civilly."

Communication is going to be a top priority for Sonntag.

"You have to listen," he said. "You have to listen very genuinely. You have to ask questions. You have to ask questions that put people at ease and invite them to talk. I would find as many ways to communicate as I can and just informal walking around campus, having lunch with the students, stopping by faculty offices, staff offices, checking in."

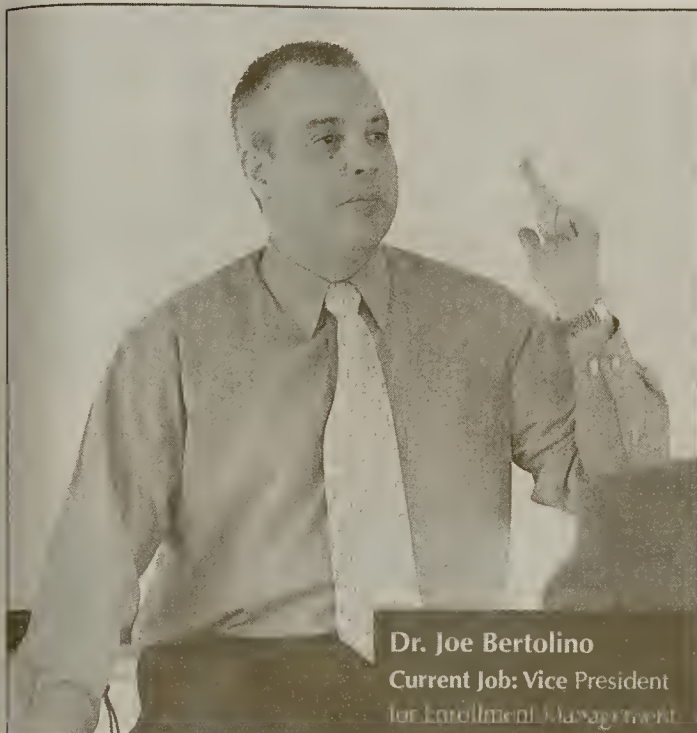
If offered the position, he also plans to meet with every faculty member individually. Sonntag also plans to stick around for at least six years if not to because his children will be entering high school soon and he does not want to have to move while they are in school.

"It meshes perfectly with this time in my life and this presidency," he said. "You wouldn't want someone to commit for less than six years and ideally 10 years. You can see a lot of stuff brought to fruition in 10 years. It matches my personal life almost perfectly."

Although Sonntag was born and raised in Texas, he finds Vermont to be to his liking.

"My wife and I have fallen in love with New England and the style of life and political climate, the cultural climate suits us in ways that where we came from in the south," he said.

Meet Your Next President



Dr. Joe Bertolino
Current Job: Vice President
 for Enrollment Management
 & Student Affairs at Queens
 College/City University of
 New York
Background: Student Affairs

Dr. Joe Bertolino is not the traditional candidate.

He never aspired to be a college president and was a high school teacher who had no thoughts of higher education.

"I didn't come through the ranks of faculty," Bertolino said. "I'm a faculty member. I'm a department chair. I'm a scholar practitioner, but I've been an administrator the bulk of my career."

Bertolino is currently at Queens College/City University of New York. Coming from the city into the Northeast Kingdom will be different.

"The biggest change for me will be a different type of diversity," he said. "I am currently in an environment that is racially, ethnically, culturally, and religiously very diverse. Here the diversity is different. It is regional and it socioeconomic. That will probably be a big adjustment for me."

It is not just the people that he will have to adjust to, if offered the position, but also the weather and the atmosphere. He knows that there will not be as to do as compared to New York City.

"It really does force you to build community here," said Bertolino. "It helps to create a home and a community within and of itself. I may not be going anywhere, but that is because I'm going to the game or I'm going to the cafeteria. I've lived on every college campus that I've worked at. This would be no different for me. I enjoy living on campus."

His background in organizational leadership and higher education as well as social work and counseling give him a different outlook on problem solving.

"This job is all about relationships and community building," he said. "I tend to follow, in terms of my leadership style, a relational leadership model. Leadership is all about relationships. I'd like to think that having a background as a social worker and as a counselor has

helped me in forming relationships and has helped me to think critically about how relationships work. It helps me to be sensitive to others and be a bit more nurturing."

At 48 years old, his leadership abilities and relationship skills will be tested as he tries to lead those older than he. It is not a situation he is unfamiliar with because when he took his current position the man he replaced was 72.

"Because I've already been through that experience where everyone I've supervised has been older than I have been, you learn to value the history that others have and the experiences that people bring to the table," said Bertolino. "There are people who have been here for a very long time. It's very important for us to utilize their skill set, their experience, their understanding of the culture and the history."

He sees where Lyndon State College is now and likes where the school is headed. He hopes to be a part of its future and that means sticking around for a few years.

"You really don't see the fruits of your labor until your third, fourth or fifth year," said Bertolino. "I'm not just going to uproot my life to pass through. That's just not where I am at this stage in my career and this stage of my life. I'm looking for a place to call home. I'm looking for a place to make a difference and to enjoy the experience and to build something."

The one thing that stuck out for him was compassion.

"People here care," he said. "They care about students. There is a community here."



Dr. Margaret Madden
Current Job: Provost and
 Vice President of Academic
 Affairs and Professor of Psy-
 chology at the State Univer-
 sity of New York at Potsdam
Background: Social
 Psychology

Dr. Margaret Madden could see herself in Vermont.

The Green Mountain State is one of the reasons that drew her interest.

"It's beautiful," she said. "It's an area that attracts a lot of really interesting, smart and artistic people. Even though there are small towns, they are populated by interesting people."

The size of the Vermont State College system is appealing to Madden. Coming from the State University of New York system, she would welcome the transition to the VSC because it is smaller.

"I'm excited about that because it is an interesting little world," she said. "I believe that public, regional campuses like this have as part of their mission to interact with their community. The small communities give the people as citizens the opportunity to have an impact and to make a difference on the quality of life. You can be part of making the community a good place to live."

The small community of Lyndon State College was a big reason for Madden to apply for the job. She wants to feel like she works at a college, which can be lost at larger institutions.

"When I thought about my next career move I really was looking for a campus that was small, student centered, primarily undergraduate and really buys into, as part of its mission, to serve the region," she said. "As a senior administrator I don't want to be disconnected from the real work of the college, from the students and from the faculty, from the events on campus and all those kinds

of things."

She wants to feel like a part of the LSC community and not just a cog in the LSC machine.

"I like to be reminded why we are here," said Madden. "I want to be able to talk to students and see that what happens at the college is actually having an impact. It's just a smaller campus allows much more of that interaction."

Along with the environment there are close relationships with the faculty and staff that need to be maintained and problems that will need to be solved. Madden would take her background in social psychology and put it to good use.

"I do think like a social scientist," she said. "Most answers can be answered empirically. Social psychology takes the approach that you look at a certain situation and the characteristics of the situation, the structures and process of things. From an administrative point of view that leads me to tend to try to create change or solve problems by analyzing the features of the situation."

Madden does not see her lack of having presidential experience as a negative thing. In fact, she feels she is quite qualified already having taken on some presidential responsibility at SUNY at Potsdam.

"I'm ready to become a president and part of it is because the position that I am in now is pretty broad and far-reaching," she said. "I've had an opportunity to do things that are a bigger part of a president's job enough to know that I like them, but also I have some sense that I have enough experience to be successful."

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 candidates.

Mondays Just Got Better

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

Forget March Madness, let's talk about Music Mondays.

Hunched over a music textbook, Jeremy MacDonough, freshman Music Business and Industry major, details his dream recording studio while his fellow Summit of Thieves band mates filter into the SALC lounge.

"This kid's a genius," Aj Raskin, a junior MBI major and all-purpose staffer for Summit, says pointing to MacDonough.

The Summit of Thieves is just one on campus band that will be featured during MEISA's upcoming "Music Mondays." Music Mondays will showcase musical talent on campus through a series of concerts held at 7 p.m. on Mondays through the end of March in ASAC 100. The concerts are free, but students must present their student

ID's to get in.

Raskin, who is organizing the concerts, says the main goal is to get people excited about on campus bands.

"I don't care who you are, at one point or another you want to see a live show. We are bringing you that live show, bringing you that entertainment, and trying to do it well."

The first Music Monday will be held Jan. 30 and features Red Tin Box, The Summit of Thieves, and Suncooked. Suncooked band member Ry McDonald, a sophomore MBI student, describes their sound as acoustic folk rock Americana—Jack Johnson meets the Beatles meets Bob Marley.

"We are just everything you like and more," laughed Jake Gregg, fellow band member and sophomore MBI major. The band had an eventful winter

break with the December 12th release of their EP "Did you mean: Uncooked?"

"It just went viral," said Gregg.

Perhaps even more exciting, the band opened three nights for The Mighty Mighty Bosstones at a sold out House of Blues in Boston in front of 2,500 people.

"One of my favorite moments was when we were packing up the car and somebody approached us and was like 'ah, you guys are in the band, you guys were incredible!'" Colin Murphy, hand member and sophomore MBI major, said. "For me, it's really about that personal connection."

However, Suncooked's new found success has not stopped them from getting excited about playing smaller shows.

"Coming home, coming here, people are going to accept

us for who we are and know our music. Up here we have a good following," McDonald explained.

The second goal of Music Mondays is to provide publicity for MEISA, the Music Entertainment Industry Students Association. Trevor Gross, vice president of MEISA and founding member of The Summit of Thieves, hopes the concerts will show that MEISA is not just a club for MBI majors.

"This program is about networking with a common interest,"—that common interest being the music industry. Members of MEISA are hoping to send students to attend a nationwide convention in Los Angeles this spring to network with



other chapters.

Every Music Monday has a theme genre. Raskin hopes to conclude the concert series with a battle of the bands.

"We really just want to entertain, so come on in and enjoy the music!"

Riding the Glacier

Kyle Meachem
Critic Staff

When it comes down to the human body and artistic expression, freestyle skiing and snowboarding is a beautiful combination of flawless dance and extreme consequence.

The intellect, confidence, and, above all, balance required to be a shredder around the Lyndon State College campus creates a communal bond between all who respect the sport.

"Riders want to see other riders succeed," said LSC snowboarder Drew O'Brien. "There's a reason why everyone's stoked when someone stomps a trick they've been working on all day."

Consequently, the name of the game is progression. With limitless possibilities within the sport alongside the proper mindset, the only boundaries are the obstacles laid out in front of you. The Glacier is Lyndon State's on campus terrain park

located at the corner of College Road and Vail Drive that meets the needs of many students.

The problem Burke Mountain faces this year has been maintaining snow coverage while dealing with uncooperative Mother Nature. However, at the Glacier snow coverage has not been a problem yet.

"We've had some rough weather this season," said LSC Ski & Ride Club president Sam Pierog. "But since the Glacier sees far less traffic than Burke, there's always some fresh snow on the side to make it perfect for your own personal session."

With the amount of interest in the sport and the easy accessibility to the Glacier for students on campus, it comes as no surprise to see nothing but smiles on the hill.

"Everyone goes to have a good time," said Sanders. "It's what Lyndon State's all about. Learning, and having fun doing it."

Ryan's Review: Throwback Week

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

Last year we witnessed the end of one of the most influential bands of the past decade. LCD Soundsystem. Beginning in New York around 2001 LCD Soundsystem helped begin a dance punk revolution with bands like The Rapture, Death from Above 1979, among others I'm sure I'm missing. In 2005 they released their first, self titled album to much critical praise and recognition. It even managed to make #8 on Pitchfork.com's top 50 albums of 2005. Then, after 2 years and 1 instrumental album, they finally released their official sophomore effort Sound of Silver.

I'm going to state this right off the bat, I like every track on this album. James Murphy is a master of genre mashing and this album bleeds of what Murphy was inspired by at the time. Tracks like "Us v Them", "North American Scum", and "Get In-nocuous" scream of Brian Eno and The Talking Heads. "Time to Get Away" has the funky drums and bass lines of old disco songs. "New York I Love You" reminds me of the crooning and grandiosity of Frank Sinatra.

The catchiest song on the album has to be "North American Scum". It's a song filled to the brim with attitude and cockiness. Murphy seems to be sick of the European mindset to-

ward American's being proud of where we're from. He basically says "hey our government really isn't making the best decisions right now," (keep in mind this was written in the second term of the Bush administration) "but we all don't think that way. I still love this place where I live." Also great about this song, the screams of "North America!" from keyboardist Nancy Whang.

The two greatest songs to come off of this album though are, bar none, "All My Friends" and "Someone Great". Let's start off with the latter.

During the instrumental album 45:33 at around (I believe) the 9 minute mark there's a certain synth sample that caught everyone's attention. It was a pulsating, almost hypnotic line that hits you from nowhere. Why do I bring this up? It's the opening and continuing synth line that helps hold up this song. That hypnotic line combined with Murphy's beautiful lyrics of loss and indifference just make this song one of the most beautiful things to grace your ears. "All My Friends" starts with uncertainty. The minute or so of the same piano chords is meant to make you uncomfortable, you don't know where this song wants to take you just yet. When the song

picks up it's all down hill from there. It's like a 6 minutes climax, it's like fire works on the 4th of July, it's the big gun fight in an action film. Every little bit of this song, every single instrument, just feels so right and natural. The planning of this song is just astounding. Murphy sings about his aging, how this whole rock star thing can't last forever. He even says is flat out that "This could be the last time".

Does he want it to all end? Not really, what will he do, but he recognizes it will all end eventually. This song always manages to give me chills because it's such a relatable song and subject. It is my idea of a perfect song in all ways.

This is an essential album for anyone to have. I can guarantee there will be at least one song you'll love off this album.

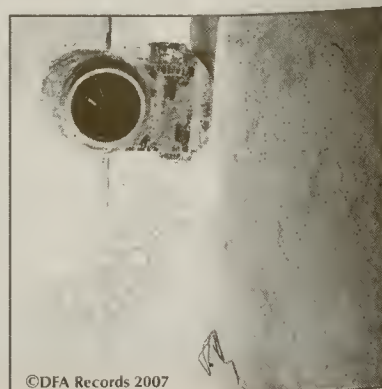
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Best of the Best songs: "All My Friends" "Someone Great" "New York, I Love You but You're Bringing Me Down."

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Dana Dishes: Top Five Restaurants

Dana Berlin
Entertainment Editor

A must know for new and returning students of LSC, this beneficial read will give some insight into my top five places to eat in and around Lyndonville.

5. Bagel Depot – whether going for breakfast bagels or to grab some lunch, the Bagel Depot offers a great selection of bagel flavors. My personal choice would be to purchase a breakfast bagel, as the Bagel Depot offers real egg, bacon and cheese. I would rather get a bagel from here than Dunkin Donuts any day.

This eatery is not really a sit down place, offering hardly any interior furnishings. The walls lay empty and barren, and the carpet

seems to be unwashed for many months. I would enter quickly, order a bacon, egg and cheese, and leave as soon as I get my food.

4. China Moon – If you're looking for good quality Chinese food, this is not the place to find it. China Moon is a typical Chinese buffet that offers unhealthy, sodium rich food that people wolf down in bunches. However, no matter how unhealthy the food, it tastes just so damn good.

There is nothing like piling in the Chinese food when I'm starving. While the dinner price is a little expensive, the lunch prices for dine-in are relatively reasonable.

My suggestion is to order takeout, because you can get just what you want, and only pay for

that amount of food. The prices between the dine-in and takeout options differ greatly, but if you really want to eat-in, it's not the end of the world.

3. The Pub Outback – on top of offering 25 cent wings on Monday nights, the Pub Outback is a nice place to go and enjoy a quality meal and a few drinks with your buds. Their wings are not the typical bone-in style of other places, but their "tenders" are a great for the price you pay.

If you are looking for a great appetizer, their mozzarella sticks are a unique, one of a kind, tasty treat. Located in East Burke, the Pub offers an array of on tap and bottled beers, as well as many mixed drinks to fit any mood. Pricing is reasonable for college

students on a budget. You will not be disappointed with your visit to The Pub Outback.

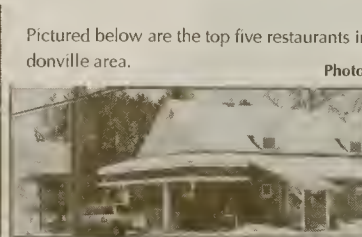
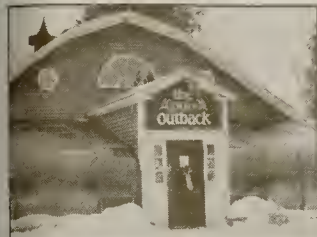
2. The Pizza Man – The Pizza Man has made some major upgrades recently resulting in a full service bar, table service and 25 cent wings on Mondays. There is still the same quality, great tasting food offered before the remodel, but now you can also enjoy a rum and coke while eating that food.

The full service bar offers five big screen televisions so you can watch whatever game you want, any day of the week. My suggestions would be to enjoy some beers while watching the Bruins run through the rest of the NHL.

1. Miss Lyndonville Diner – The best option for food in Lyn-

donville has always been, and will continue to be, Miss Lyndonville Diner. This one of a kind diner offers a number of options for breakfast and lunch, with by far the best value in town. You can eat a full course meal with a drink and dessert for under \$8, which is almost unheard of anywhere else.

Don't think you can show up early morning or afternoon on the weekend and get a seat right away. There is usually at least a five or ten minute wait.



Pictured below are the top five restaurants in the Lyndonville area.

Photos by Dana Berlin

Fit With Forester: Healthy Living

Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

Welcome back! Or, for those new to campus, welcome to LSC! Just before the break I began this column to provide the student body (and maybe some faculty) with a few ways to stay healthy and active even with heavy workloads and hectic schedules. I believe staying healthy is one of the most important things we can do for ourselves so I am looking forward to continuing this column.

It's the beginning of a new semester and it is a time to start fresh with a clean slate. Yes, that is a cliché but it is true for this time of year. Whatever stressors or setbacks you had last semester are gone and if you are just starting, why not start off right?

Exercise of the Week: Fun Cardio

I hate running. I really do. But it is necessary to keep fit and maintain heart health so what can I do? Working out doesn't have to be the boring standard routine of going to the gym. There are plenty of ways to get your heart rate up without getting on a treadmill. I love to dance. It doesn't feel like a workout even though it is getting me in shape while I have fun. I go out to dance with friends, I have dance routine videos at home (The Pussycat Dolls Workout video is a favorite among my friends and I) and I take classes like Zumba. It's all cardio, but it's ten times as fun. Find a fun form of cardio this week. Maybe swimming, snowboarding or skiing (downhill or cross-country), have a snowball fight with a group of friends, or make it a competition night with Wii sports. Just have fun!

Recipe of the Week: Yogurt Parfait

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of your favorite yogurt
- 1 cup of berries (preferably fresh but frozen work too whether heated or not)
- 1/2 cup of granola or cereal
- 1 Handful of sliced almonds (optional)

Directions:

Alright this is pretty simple. Layer the ingredients in a bowl or tall glass if you want to see the layers better. It doesn't matter which ingredient you start with, it is entirely up to you, but in the end you will have a tasty breakfast or anytime-of-the-day snack.

To make it extra healthy use Greek or Mediterranean yogurt. It has just about twice the amount for protein as regular yogurt and usually has less sugar in it than Yoplait or Trix yogurts. Also try using Kashi Go Lean Crunch as your cereal layer. It is also loaded with protein and also has a ton of fiber to help keep

you full longer. Enjoy!

Activity of the Week: Embrace and Celebrate a New Culture

We all received the email from President Gold about the incident of LSC students yelling out racist remarks to International Students from L.I. It is a sad reality that these college students are so close-minded towards other cultures that can be extremely interesting.

Did any of you try to order Chinese food this past weekend like I did? Well if you tried and failed (like I did), did you ask yourself why none of the Chinese restaurants were open? Well if you looked at your email or if you know Chinese culture well, you knew that they were closed to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the beginning of the Year of the Dragon! To celebrate students and faculty were asked to wear red on Sunday and Monday and to hang red pieces of paper on their doors to ward off bad luck and evil spirits.



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Upsurge in Criminal Justice Enrollment

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

Despite the usual kinks associated with any new major, the criminal justice major has seen a jump in enrollment since its unveiling in the fall of 2010.

David Sleigh, full-time trial lawyer since 1983, has taught three criminal justice classes over a period of four semesters, along with director of public safety, George Hacking, who also taught during the fall semester. Sleigh was approached early last year about teaching and since then has taught American judicial processes, criminal law, and constitutional law.

"I've had a really positive experience this last semester. I've found the students in the major to be enthusiastic about the subject material," Sleigh said.

Sleigh stated that the major had gotten off to a bumpy start since the responsibilities of coordinator were passed around the social science department due to, social science professor and coordinator for the criminal justice program, Janet Bennion's absence.

"It's been a team effort given that professor Bennion was off on sabbatical at the same time this was getting started," Sleigh said. "I think one of the problems is that they do not

have a full-time faculty member or two devoted to teaching the criteria. If you're a major, I'd assume it would be pretty hard to meet the graduation criteria."

Bennion said it would not be difficult.

"We have got splendid adjuncts. We've got a retired court judge, a criminal lawyer, and law enforcement specialists," said Bennion. Bennion did acknowledge that, as with any new major, there may not be enough students signed up for a course to run.

The new program now has added a total of 25 majors; a jump from five people last year.

"That's pretty promising and with the new faculty coming

in I think it's going to be a pretty stable major," Bennion stated. "We're still in the beginnings of how to satisfy everyone. We've got a couple of people graduating spring of 2013."

The major is encompassing the fields of Sociology, Psychology, and Anthropology in order to create a foundation of behavioral science. Bennion argues that this is what sets the program apart.

"We basically are doing something different from other groups. We are providing a behavioral science base for instructing people who want to eventually go into the criminal justice field," Bennion stated. "If people are going into the police,

prison, boarder patrol, courts, or fish and wildlife enforcement, they have to understand the mind of the criminal and what factors into their behavior."

New faculty is expected to be hired next year for the new major. Bennion refrained from comment when asked who might be hired for the position, but stated that she hoped the new person would be able to help fill the political science position that professor David Plazek is leaving.

"It will be the right person for the job. We also hope to find somebody who also can help us with Political Science," Bennion said.

More Hornets in the Hive

Adam Brothers
Critic Staff

Lyndon State has been attracting more and more attention from prospective students.

This semester alone has 111 new students that were not enrolled previously in the fall. That's a 25 percent increase from the few new students who came onboard last spring.

One new face is that of Mia Dinoris, a transfer student from upstate New York. With ambitions to become a U.S. Marshall, she is exploring the social sci-

ences of criminal justice here at Lyndon State. "I am looking to expand my knowledge of my trade," Dinoris said.

Marketing and communications officer, Keith Chamberlin, said that the gain in students between the fall semester and the present spring semester represents the second largest increase in the school's history.

Should the school continue to grow in size, however, several concerns arise including adequate housing, sufficient parking, and keeping class sizes as small and manageable as possible.

Assistant academic dean, Deb Hale, said that despite the large incoming num-

ber of students, class sizes are assuredly being kept as small as possible through the addition of several courses including biology, representing the world, introduction to psychology, and math. These additional courses have been implemented to encourage the early completion of general education requirements without sacrificing small class sizes.

As it stands now, even with the many new faces on our campus, Lyndon State College offers the smallest class sizes of any college in the Vermont State College community. Lyndon State has an average class size of 16 students. Compare that to 17 at Johnson and Castleton, 20 at the

Community College of Vermont, and upwards of 23 at Vermont Technical College.

The forecast for new, incoming students for the fall semester is showing signs of growth too. Already, the school has received nearly 40 percent more applications for the upcoming fall semester than the previous fall semester had at this time, last year.

"The school is evolving. Eventually, it's going to have to accommodate bigger classes and bigger facilities," stated junior of the Music Business program, Andrew Kelley, who has been noticing the growth of the school since his enrollment here. "This is good news for the school."

Bennion Writes to Decriminalize Polygamy

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

After a semester filled with traveling to France, writing publications in Montana, and becoming a worldwide renowned scholar on Mormon fundamentalism, social science professor Janet Bennion has returned from sabbatical.

Bennion spent the fall semester at her home in Montana working on her book "Polygamy in Primetime," a novel, and an article. The article is about the abuses in a polygamist relationship and has been published in the *World Journal of Psychiatry*. Her novel, "Strange Love," is a fictional account of a polygamist marriage in which a man's two wives fall in love with each other.

Coming from a Mormon, polygamist background herself, Bennion has been working on "Polygamy in Primetime" since the idea for the book was suggested to her at a conference she spoke at last year, where she spoke about her 20 years of research on polygamy.

"At the conference I was approached by Brandeis, which is an affiliate of the university press of New England that incorporates Dartmouth and the fancy Ivy Leagues. So it's a wonderful press and they really have produced a good series. My book is the first book in the series," Bennion said. "This is a very good opportunity for me."

Bennion has been considered a leading expert on the topic of polygamy, having been called as an expert witness in a Canadian trial. It was when the review for her book came out that Bennion learned she has now been labeled as the worldwide scholar on Mormon fundamentalism.

"If there's an expert on this, everyone is now going to start thinking about me," Bennion stated about her new distinction.

In "Polygamy in Primetime," Bennion looks at and evaluates the culture and impact

of the four major polygamist movements.

"I've written three other books and this fourth book is kind of my opus and it's been reviewed by a lot of colleagues as being the all-in-one book about Mormon polygamy. If you want an Anthropological foundation for understanding Mormon fundamentalism, then this is the book to read," Bennion said.

Along with her analysis of polygamist marriage, Bennion also looks at the impact of media and the emerging television shows portraying polygamy.

"I'm showing four new chapters about how "Sister Wives," "Big Love," and blogging are playing into the scene of polygamy and how polygamists react to that; whether it's accurate and representative of everyone's experience," Bennion stated.

Bennion explained that her primary argument in this book is for the eventual legalization of polygamy as a form of marriage.



"I find that the appearance of polygamy in primetime is a good thing. It let's people know that this is a real marriage form and some of it is poor functioning and some of it is well functioning," said Bennion. "What this does, as far as the legal aspects, is brings us closer to what I think is the goal and that is decriminalization for the purpose of making these marriages as

close as possible to legally recognized forms."

"You ask why? Why am I a feminist in favor of legalizing polygamy? It is to bring it into the light. Bring abuse into the light so that it can be monitored and regulated," said Bennion.

"Polygamy and Primetime" is set to be released in May 2012.

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Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

Plates filled with food lined the tables where the Vermont State College Board of Trustees voted 9-4 to raise tuition for VSC students.

This is the first time in VSC history that the Board of Trustees voted on tuition increases for two years in advance. One notable trustee was not present to vote.

While Governor Peter Shumlin was present for the opening ceremony of the new Community College of Vermont campus in Rutland, he did not remain for

the trustee meeting immediately following the ribbon cutting. This is despite his recent plea to the state legislature to make Vermont "the higher education state."

Chancellor Tim Donovan was in favor of the increase saying, "I'm happy to have the board's support of the proposal, but I know it's a difficult decision for all of us to come to terms with."

Student trustee for the VSC, John Kleinhans, a senior liberal studies major at LSC, was vocal about his opposition. "We put too much burden on students. It's time for us to really send a

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message to the students that we support them."

Throughout the meeting, some trustees wandered in and out to the buffet room, coming back with plates of spring rolls, almond bars, quiche and cookies.

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Snow blocks have been installed to prevent injuries from falling ice and snow at the ASAC entrance.

MONEY FOR MOUFY

Katelyn Zenie
Critic Correspondent

Jeffrey Fortunato, also known as Moufy is performing here at Lyndon State in late April.

Moufy is a well known hip-hop/rap artist from the Boston Mass. area who's song 'Boston Lights' plays at every New England Patriots home game. He won best new artist at the Boston Music Awards, has opened for Mac Miller, and much more.

Christina Cadorette, Brian Lacharite, and an estimated 45 music business and industry majors and Moufy fans attended the student government association meeting Wednesday to show their support. This event was first sparked by the 'Event Management' class on campus, through Facebook and word of mouth.

Many are saying that just the buzz around campus on this topic is enough to get them to check it out. One of the most convincing arguments in favor of Moufy coming to Lyndon is his

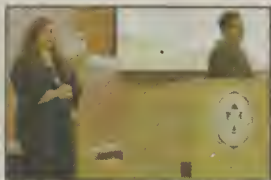


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Christina Cadorette and Brian Lacharite speak at the SGA meeting

personal tie with the school. His brother, Jose Fortunato, attended Lyndon just last year. There are at least two hundred people that indicated their interest in this event on Facebook, the organizers are looking to fill up the Alexander Twilight Theatre's 500+ seats.

In the past, student government and the Campus Activities Bored has been hesitant to fund music performances because they don't get the turn out they need to make up for the money they put into the event.

However, students and supporters of this project believe bringing Moufy to Lyndon will be worth the money. The event was originally four thousand dollars,

but with a combination of a one thousand dollar grant and the 'event management' student class fees, the event was taken down to twenty-seven hundred dollars.

The student government passed this event with the restriction set that their money only be used for booking fees and production.

Brooke Parciak, a MBI student involved with this event says, "People believe that this meeting is only for Moufy to come and perform, but realistically this is a stepping stone for the future to get performers to come here."

Trever Gross, another MBI major says "Am I fan of Moufy? No. Do I want to help the MBI program gain some momentum, get the approval to show what we can do, nail it, and be able to expand on this for the good of the college and it's students? No brainer, absolutely."

For more information on Moufy, and some free mp3 downloads of his tracks, check him out on www.last.fm/music/Moufy.

BON APPETITE

Tyler Dumont
Critic Correspondent

As the final days approach towards a decision of who will be the next food service provider for the Vermont State Colleges, student curiosity has sparked many questions about what to expect when it comes to the future of "eating" at Lyndon.

Aramark, who has been the food service provider for the entire VSC system for twenty years, faces an expired contract as of July 1, 2012. The decision not to automatically renew the company's contract was made by the business affairs council of the VSC last year. The council, also known as the "BAC," is composed of deans of administration from each of the VSC schools and directed by Tom Robbins, Vice President of Finance for VSC.

While specific proposals each company would bring to Lyndon State, such as hours of

operation, meal plans and food served, will not be negotiated until a contract is signed, it is clear that things will not be the same in the coming months.

"No matter who is picked, students should expect change," said Lyndon Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton. "I don't think people should assume if we choose to stay with Aramark that things will stay the status quo. Our whole food service will be rethought, with a focus on local food and sustainability."

Among those new ideas is a Vermont Technical College proposal to build new processing facilities that would serve the VSC system with products such as milk, made locally here in Vermont.

Hamilton added that he also expects that the cost of board at Lyndon will increase next year either way, although "not significantly"

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Campus Calendar

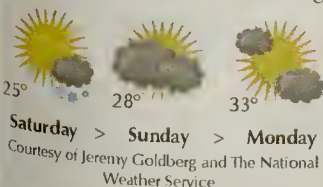
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It's Easy Spending Other People's Money

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Once more the Vermont State College trustees have proved that they know how to spend other people's money. This time it's the money of already financially pressed students who are already paying some of the highest state college tuition rates in the country.

The eight percent hikes imposed over the next two years are certainly not cost-of-living increases. Last year the federal government deemed no such increase was needed for retirees on Social Security and this year awarded a increase far smaller than what VSC is demanding from students. Next week LSC students and faculty will go to Montpelier to demonstrate for increased funding.

But the sources of state funding are the taxpayers. And the taxpayers are your parents, neighbors and very soon, you and your classmates. Between huge college loan payments and oppressive taxes, don't plan on kicking back after graduation.

Most students attend college to acquire skills and knowledge that will better enable them to provide for themselves and their children in the future. For that benefit, students pay a very high price. Where state colleges once offered undergraduate education to qualified students at little or no cost, today's students at public colleges typically pay tuition and fees that once would have paid for an Ivy League education. Even these very high costs are not enough. Taxpayers, whether or not they have themselves attended college are expected to supplement high tuition payments with tax dollars.

But, when all is said and done, don't most students leave college well equipped to take care of their own needs and to make significant contributions to the economy? Well, not really.

Much of what a student learns today will have less value in ten or fifteen years. In a few decades, it will have little value at all. A student trained long ago in art or graphic design may still know how to draw, but the tools now used did not even exist twenty-five years ago. Just in the last five years many of those tools have changed significantly. Journalists who, as recently as 1990, trained at top journalism schools such as the University of

Missouri need new skills to remain competitive.

College administrators spend their time and energy focusing on their own bottom line. Not surprisingly administrators receive significantly higher remuneration than most college professors. If funds are short, rather than reduce administrative perks, teaching staff can be reduced. Courses can be cut even when the courses are essential parts of training for a given major. Those whose needs and wants come last are students, faculty, and taxpayers.

A few years ago, the trustees of the Vermont State College system established a policy that directly addressed the long-term needs of both students and taxpayers. Policy 417 established a tuition waiver for Vermonters who reached the age of 65 and a 50% discount that kicked in at age 62. This was an excellent first step. It meant that older Vermonters whose skills were no longer up-to-date could attend classes with no charge other than books and lab fees. It provided an alternative to spending the so-called Golden Years as a Wal-Mart greeter @ \$10 an hour. The cost to the taxpayer was zero since Policy 417 specifically restricted older students to otherwise empty slots in existing

classes. It meant that today's students were promised an opportunity to update their skills at little cost late in life.

But it was only a first step. The 50% discount at age 62 would make more sense if it were rolled back to age 42. When today's students reach that age, most could benefit from a program that allowed them to increase their value in the job market. This would not only benefit many Vermonters in their middle years, but would help the colleges financially by filling otherwise empty seats with students who were highly motivated and, even at the discounted rate, adding substantially to the college bottom line. Then there are taxpaying Vermonters who, while supporting the system, have, for one reason or another, never been able to benefit from it. Perhaps they started a family in their teens, or maybe they only learned the value of education through bitter experience on the job.

Wouldn't it be great if lives could be turned around so easily? Not by charity, but by hard work on the part of mature, older students. Think of the economy of the state, especially the economy of the perennially depressed Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Imagine the eco-

nomie benefit of a growing number of well-educated, mature men and women ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Incredibly all this seems to have escaped the notice of the trustees of the Vermont State College. Instead of extending the program, they have acted to destroy it. Discounts remain unavailable until age 62 and the program has been limited to two classes per semester. Apparently the trustees did not do their arithmetic. A 65-year old Vermonter who desired to update their professional or occupational skills at the rate of two classes a semester would be about 75 years old on completion of a full program.

Maybe the trustees were led to believe that 65-year-old Vermonters no longer needed to work. Perhaps they were told that the program was only to fill a few hours for senior citizens until they had the decency to either pass away or move into an old age home.

So the trustees in their infinite wisdom cut one program that cost the colleges nothing, cut another that had the potential to generate income for the colleges, and now, just a few weeks later, decided to put the squeeze on students and taxpayers once more.

LSC Green Report: Five Years of Progress is Just the Beginning

Wayne Hamilton
Dean of Administration

Since 2007 our campus has reduced annual electric consumption by about ten percent—from roughly 4.1 million kWh to 3.7 million kWh. This adds up to a saving of more than \$200,000 despite the addition of the Academic and Student Activity Center.

We implemented both interior and exterior lighting retrofits, replacing gym lighting with high efficiency fixtures and installing motion sensors for library lighting. LEDs replaced over five hundred interior light bulbs as well as lamps in the main campus parking lots, interior campus walkways and roads.

We are now developing a plan to expand electrical metering on campus to provide better

electricity consumption data on a building-by-building basis.

Fuel-oil consumption also decreased by approximately ten percent, or 23,000 gallons annually, over the past three heating seasons. At current prices, the annual savings from the reduced oil use amounts to more than \$70,000. Again, total savings since 2007 exceed \$200,000.

Oil consumption has been reduced by a wood gasification boiler in our maintenance facility, replacement of windows in the Stonehenge residence halls, insulation and window replacement in the Harvey Academic Center, and retrofit of heating controls in several academic and residential buildings.

We plan to continue tightening our building envelopes. This spring new windows will be installed in the Wheelock resi-

dence hall. We are far from done in our efforts to conserve energy resources.

Lyndon recently partnered with Efficiency Vermont in the "Energy Leadership Challenge", a collaboration that sets a goal of an additional 7.5% savings in campus energy use through implementation of new energy efficiency projects.

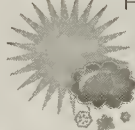
Updates on this program will be forthcoming during the next several months. We are also evaluating the conversion of our oil-fired boilers to a central wood-fired heating plant.

Over the last five years, LSC has worked hard to conserve energy. Until now these significant accomplishments have been in the background. Future issues of the Critic will contain regular reports from the LSC Advisory Committee on Sustainability

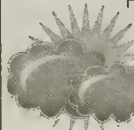
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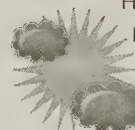
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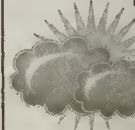
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Editorial: Hey Lyndon, Wake Up!

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

Across the country there has been an incredible amount of noise from students. Many are traveling to their state legislatures lobbying for more higher education funding. Hundreds of thousands of students have taken a single day out of their busy schedules to advocate for their future and the future of their children's education. With rising tuition rates, college will soon become unaffordable to almost all of you. On February 7th, students from across Vermont will travel to Montpelier

and rally for this same cause.

I have some advice for you.

Go to your classes and continue to not care about the future of higher education. Simply pretend that it doesn't affect you and instead grab your snowboard and hit the mountain for the day. I mean let's be honest, does your voice really matter? Do legislators really care about what you have to say? I mean we are just students. They will just say that we'll have our opportunity some day in the future. If 200 students decided to skip class for the day and travel to Montpelier, legislatures would

simply tell you to get back on the bus and go home.

Instead tweet about what you ate this morning or how dope that party was last night. Continue to show your inability to pay attention to local, state and federal issues that impact your future. I mean you might miss an episode of Jersey Shore and we wouldn't want that.

Let me be honest:

It drives me crazy the apathy that impacts campuses across Vermont each and every day. Look at your bill from your time at college. Do you see a trend? The cost of college is on

the rise at a dramatic rate and the state legislature isn't helping us one bit.

Some may say that being involved in "politics" isn't cool or that it's not for you. After you graduate let me know how cool those loans are to pay back. This is your opportunity to stand up and fight for a better tomorrow. Take the chance to make your voice heard and encourage your friends to fight for the future of Lyndon State College and the future of the Vermont State Colleges. It's your voice that the legislators want to hear, they want to hear your story of how the

Vermont State Colleges have given you a truly unique opportunity.

In 1961, the state of Vermont created the Vermont State Colleges and said that the state would support the VSC in whole or in substantial part with state funds. This promise has been broken, and it's time for us to make our voices heard.

So turn your ipod off, sign off twitter and get on the bus to Montpelier. Skip your classes and demand legislators listen to you! Be outside ASAC at 9 a.m. and we will together make an incredible stand for the VSC.

Vox Populi

Dear Editor:

I have a couple of concerns that I'd like to bring to the attention of the campus.

Did you know there are currently 16 unfilled positions on the SGA? I didn't know until last week after speaking with Nick Russo, but I don't see the SGA making a great campaign trying to fill them.

Secondly: I recently expressed my desire to see a larger variety of performances here on campus. The exchange that followed is on the Lyndon CAB facebook page. CAB & SGA split our student activity fees, yet SGA are the only school wide elections. If you read the comments made by Lyndon CAB you can see why more students don't provide feedback, let alone come to CAB meetings to which I was so cordially invited. I think a few things need to change. #1 CAB executive board positions need to be a school wide election just like SGA. #2 Members of the CAB executive board need to have a minimum of one year of event management experience outside of CAB prior to obtaining their position or they need to take an event management class here at LSC. #3 Members of CAB who have access to

their facebook page need to sign their posts just like SGA exec board does.

#4 The person who was so rude on behalf of CAB needs to resign what ever positions they hold and also apologize for being so rude.

Sincerely
Adam Brabant

Dear Editor,

My name is Sarah Barraco and I'm the vice president of CAB and I'm working on Winter Weekend. Here is some information:

List of events:
Friday February 10th
12 p.m. Dodge ball
2-3 p.m. human sled dog race
6-8 p.m. rail jam
9 p.m. bingo
Saturday February 11
12 p.m. broom ball
2-3 p.m. Snow sculptures
3-4 p.m. snow obstacle course
6:30 bonfire

Also there will be a table on Monday February 6th in ATT lobby from 11-1 and Tuesday February 7 in the student center from 11-1. Student can also sign up by emailing Sarah.barraco@lyndonstate.edu

Sarah Barraco

President's Corner: Time to Rally for VSC Funding

Nick Russo
Student Body President

Do you feel as though you pay too much for college? If you answered yes, you're not alone. One week from today, we can take an important step toward changing that.

On February 7, there will be a student-led rally at the state house in Montpelier to support increased state funding for the Vermont State Colleges. Vermont funds higher education at the lowest level out of almost all states in the country.

Our state colleges are strapped for money which results in the colleges being forced to raise tuition and fees each year. Tuition is going up 4% for the next two years. State support is going up 0% next year. Last year around this time, we saw what happens when enrollment drops below an acceptable level, resulting in cuts to essential college resources, such as our faculty and staff.

I'm sure many of you are wondering what we, the students, can actually do to change the minds of legislators in Montpelier. We can do more than you think.

Governor Shumlin has proposed a four million dollar investment from the higher education trust fund to the Ver-

mont State Colleges. However, we don't know if his proposal will be approved, and we need to do more to fundamentally change how Montpelier allocates its budget.

Legislators do not interact with VSC students on a regular basis. Many of them know little about our state colleges and the students they serve. But they are interested in your anecdotal stories about how the state colleges have affected your lives, and they want to hear from you. As one of the LSC presidential candidates quickly found out, "Lyndon has a story to tell."

The results of our efforts may not be seen immediately, but your stories about our incredible college will surely stick in their minds for many days and months to come.

So let's do it. A 50 seat bus leaves LSC Tuesday Feb. 7 at 9:00 a.m., please arrive by 8:45 a.m. so we can leave on time. If you have a class, ask your professor if you may be excused on this day. We will return to LSC by 3pm. For a detailed itinerary, to ask questions, and to officially sign up, please email me at Nicholas.russo@lsc.vsc.edu. Thank you, I hope to see you there.



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The State of Things

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Interim President Steve Gold delivers his State of the College address, highlighting the presidential search, success in admissions, and new hours at the library.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Prof. Jean Charles serenades students in the library.

Music While You Read

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

Students fill the first floor of the library studying, typing, and reading as Jean Charles, an adjunct professor here at Lyndon State, begins to strum his Spanish guitar.

Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Charles fills the room with the sound of classical acoustic guitar.

"Students are busy, so to come and listen they really have to have music in their hearts," Charles said when asked how he would encourage students to come listen.

Charles teaches a guitar course at LSC. He has been playing music since he was a young boy in Haiti, starting with

instruments like the clarinet. He began playing guitar around the age of 19.

"I have always been drawn to music," said Charles.

Another passion of Charles' is politics, which may stem from his service in the United States Military. Just when he was old enough to be drafted, he entered the service and served during Vietnam, though he never had to go there.

"It was good because I don't have the scars in here," Charles explained as he pointed to his head. Charles serves as the town chair of the Lyndon Republican Town Committee.

Lyndon's library is not Charles's only venue, he also plays at weddings.

'Promise Broken' (from page 1)

Over the next two years students attending VSC schools will be facing an 8.15% tuition increase—a quarter of which does not go to the colleges, but to paying retiree benefits through the GASBY 45 program.

"We have some long term obligations to retiring employees that have not been funded," Donovan explained. He noted that the board will also look to meet these obligations not only from tuition money, but through collective bargaining.

Without the increase in tuition, budget cuts would have had to be made at the colleges. Not everyone was pleased with the outcome, but it did not come as a shock.

"I expected the outcome would be such," Gordon Winters, vice chair of the board and one of four "no" votes, commented after the meeting. "I expected it, respect it, don't agree with it."

Kleinhans cited language

used by the 1961 general assembly when it founded the VSC, "The Vermont State College's shall plan, supervise, administer and operate facilities for education above the high school level supported in whole or in substantial part with state funds." That promise has been broken."

Trustee Jim Masland defended the increase saying, "When we take away the things that enhance [student's] education, it lessens what they get when they get their diploma."

Ashley Fortin, an atmospheric science major at Lyndon State, believes her education is worth the hike, "I don't mind paying the extra. I think it's worth it."

However, exercise science

sophomore Dan Rowe was not pleased.

"That really upsets me because I've already taken out so many loans to pay for college as it is. I already have to work two jobs, so it really hinders the hours I can put into school."

"I'm sympathetic [to student's], but we have all hit a rough spot," Masland said during the meeting.

As the trustees packed up their iPads and brought their empty plates to the buffet room, all that lined the tables were nameplates and leftover crumbs.

"I'll be having some more of this yummy food before I leave," Gary Moore, chair of the board, laughed.



Photo by Samantha VanSchoick
Board of Trustees members debate tuition hikes.

Food Service (from page 1)

Aramark and Sodexo have both proposed to do some kind of renovation to the Stevens Dining Hall, although a complete renovation will not likely be possible until the summer of 2013.

Their proposals, according to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis, also included financial information, a sample of the weekly menu, a head chef position, more student discounts or meal plan credits at local businesses, guest meals and more.

"We'd like to work on everything," Davis said. "From promotions, to vegetarian meals, coffee refills, bringing food out of the dining hall, the size of the container...we're going to cover it all."

In an effort to inform all LSC students of what to expect in the future, The Critic contacted representatives from both companies.

Greg Yost, Senior Public Relations Specialist for Sodexo—one of the largest food management companies in North America—told The Critic that it is their policy not to disclose any information regarding specific contract proposals while in ne-



Photo by Tyler Dumont

Changes may be coming to LSC's dining experience

gotiation, but information on a variety of their school programs and schools they serve is available on their website and they encourage Lyndon students to log on and review it.

Multiple calls to Aramark's Food Service Department were not returned. Lyndon Food Service Director Adam Vigue also declined comment.

Vigue, an Aramark employee and former Lyndon student, would keep his position if Aramark remains at Lyndon, Dean Hamilton said. Sodexo has offered two different candidates for the director job.

The final decision on who will be the next provider will ultimately be up to the Business Affairs Council of Vermont State Colleges, who has been meeting with committees of students and staff from all schools

in the system.

A date for the final decision to be made has not yet been set.

Owen Pruden, the consultant hired by the VSC to gather proposals from the food service candidates, is currently in the process of redoing final analysis, which will then be presented to the selection committee to make a decision. The decision is reportedly expected in the next week or two.

"The whole system represents an improvement in the quality of services to the students," Pruden told The Critic. "Students will see obvious improvements no matter who the contractor is."

The awarded new contract will allow the chosen provider to begin service on July 1.

Too Good to Pass Up: Albright Focuses on Reporting

Adam Brothers
Photo Editor

Professor Charlotte Albright has shifted the balance of her hybrid career to focus more on reporting for Vermont Public Radio.

Albright has been teaching

journalism full-time at Lyndon State since 2007 in unison with reporting radio broadcasts on VPR, which she has also been doing since 2007. She anticipates progressing as a journalist by gaining more reporting experience while continuing to teach as an adjunct professor.

Although the Lyndon State student community will be receiving less of Professor Albright's instruction, there are positive qualities to her shift in priorities. As the world of journalism changes everyday, having professors directly in the field offers students acute insight and accurate information.

"It's important to have practicing journalists who can report from the front lines," Albright stated with full confidence in her ability to teach and report. "Even if you teach just one course, you put all your teaching energy into it. If you teach four courses, you divide up your teaching energy among four courses," Albright said.

Even as she is reporting fervently for Vermont Public Radio and teaching at Lyndon State and its time-consuming

and taxing nature, Albright is still driving hard after 18 years as a journalist and four years as a professor. "It is a balancing act. Instead of being a teacher who does journalism, I am now, again, a journalist who teaches," Albright said. "I was balancing before. I've just adjusted what gets more time."

The shift is affording Albright new and great opportunities. "The VPR assignment was too good to pass up because it meant starting my own bureau in a place where they've never had a bureau before," she exclaimed. This will provide the Northeast Kingdom with public radio that did not previously orient news locally. "I think it's going to be, in the big picture, a good thing for the region to have a voice on public radio."

Over the past four years, Albright has influenced aspiring journalists at Lyndon State. "I just really like to teach. I think journalism and teaching are the same thing. When you do a piece of journalism that is valuable, you are teaching something that you have learned." How do you think I learned to write this article?

As all teachers do, Charlotte has been molding the minds of young writers. "I'd like to have just a little bit of influence on the next generation of journalists because I'm going to have to be consuming the stuff you guys do," Albright said in a way that expects great journalism. And as for advice to this next generation of journalists, Professor Albright encourages to, "Stay versatile, and stay flexible."

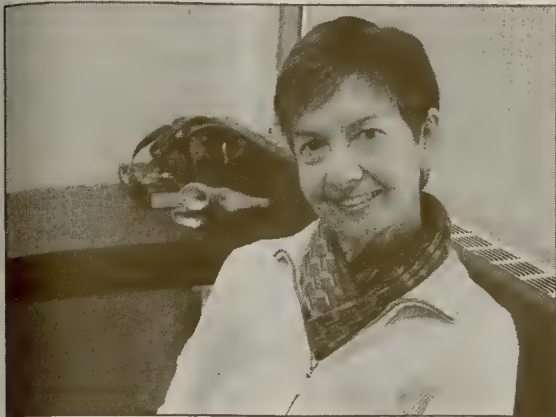


Photo by Sarah Murphy

Charlotte Albright has taken a lighter load at LSC.

Russo's Big Plans for Lyndon

Ryan Holmes
Critic Correspondant

Student Government Association president Nicholas Russo has a lot of work planned for him and the SGA for the 2012 spring semester.

Russo wants to continue the progress of coming to a final decision on what company Lyndon will choose for a future food service. The two options are Sodexo or Aramark.

"I've been spending a lot of time considering and examining the proposals because they are to year contracts, and food service is one of the most significant

impacts on student life," said Russo.

The SGA also plans on strengthening communications amongst students, in an effort to get a better grasp on issues and feedback from the student body. By doing so, The SGA will be "nominating and hopefully appointing a new SGA Communications and Outreach Vice President at our next meeting," said Russo.

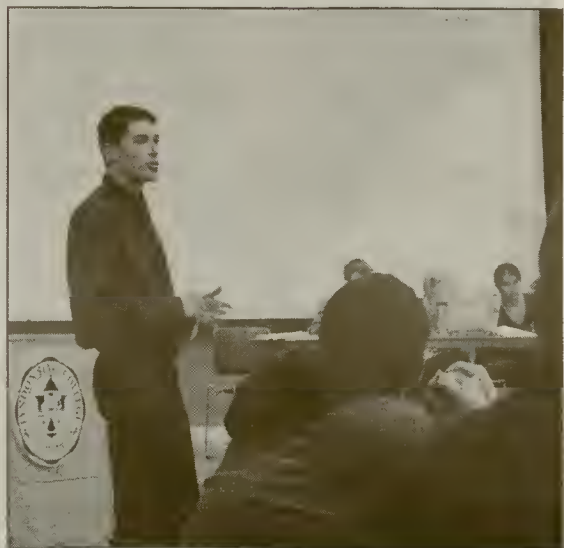
Not only does the SGA want to reach out to students, but the community as well. Clubs like "ASSIST" are heavily involved in community service.

"The SGA as a whole, will

continue to be aware of opportunities to provide community service to the NEK," said Russo.

The SGA also wants to help provide more transportation options for students. Currently, the Adventure Program has been running shuttles for students up to Burke Mountain. Russo says he would like to see more transportation opportunities such as "Drunk safety" Vans.

"Castleton has a very successful 'safe ride' van program aimed at providing safe transportation, particularly for situations when students may be intoxicated," said Russo.



President Nick Russo speaks at an SGA meeting.

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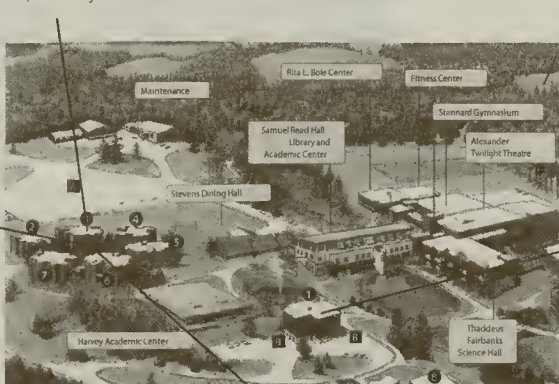
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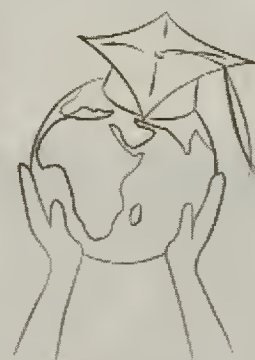
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Suncooked Speaks



Photos by Brian Lacharite

Above: Suncooked guitarist, Jake Gregg sings at the first Music Mondays concert at Lyndon State College this semester.

Below: Suncooked performs at LSC, and Colin Murphy wows the crowd with his percussion. Far right: Jake Gregg performs.

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

Over the winter break from LCS, on-campus band Suncooked was asked to play a show with renowned ska band The Mighty Mighty Bosstones at the House of Blues Boston by bass player of the Bosstones and LSC Professor, Joe Gittleman. This past week I had the opportunity to sit down with Suncooked members Ryan McDonald, Colin Murphy, and Jake Gregg, to ask them about their origins, the show, and a few other things. Also be sure to check out their facebook page at www.facebook.com/suncooked

Critic: How did Suncooked Get Started? Where did you guys meet?

McDonald (SC): Me and Colin met in middle school in math class. He sat behind me, but it wasn't until Junior year in high school when we started playing music together. I had been writing songs for a while and I knew he was a good musician so we started playing music together. Then we came up here to Lyndon to stay together and keep the band together. Last year we met Jake and asked him to hop on board. The first notable show we played together was at the Bolton Center in Long Island, New York. There were 300 people in the crowd and it's been history ever since.

Critic: Who came up with the name "Suncooked"?

Murphy (SC): I think it was Ry

Ryan: It was me; I used to have a house in New Hampshire. We had just sold it and the lake it was on was called Suncooked Lake. When I was struggling to come up with a band name I just

threw it out there and it stuck.

Critic: So, you guys recently got to play with the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. How did you get the gig? What was the preparation to get it?

Gregg(SC): We had been working really hard on getting our latest album out and we were approached by Joe Gittleman and he offered us a chance. He gave us 14 days and said "Here's a list of songs if you guys are interested. Keep in touch with me, try this out, come work with us and we'll try to figure all of this out"

Murphy: It was an unbelievable day. On December 12th we released our EP that morning

"It was just like
'whoa this is actually happening.'
I knew it was big
but I never knew it
was that big."

- Jake Gregg

and it was getting a ton of good feedback all day around campus. then we were approached by Joe at a rock and roll style show we were performing at and he came up to us, I remember I was in disbelief, and he just asked us "Hey do you want to play at the House of Blues opening up for us" and we were just like yeah, [laughter] I think we can clear our schedules. And then Jake stayed with us down in Norfolk, Ma. He's actually from Rutland [Maine] and he stayed with us all the way until Christmas.

Gregg: Left for 2 days and came back.

Critic: How do you think

the show went? Are there any funny onstage you might have?

McDonald: Well our wardrobes was funny [laughter]

Murphy: Our wardrobes were cool, we stayed in an electrical room, it was our dressing room.

McDonald: We get into the House of Blues, we get in the back and they're like alright there's a sign that says Suncooked on one of the doors. So we go and look around for the room and we're looking around and saying where is this room? Then suddenly we look to our left and there's this giant red sign that says "Electrical Room" and underneath on paper it said "Suncooked". We walked in and there was stuff like a washer and dryer in there and stacks of soda

Gregg and Murphy: Yeah there was soda everywhere.

McDonald: We had a count of about 26 people who would accidentally walk into the room. We also had the main power supply in our room so we could've shut the whole show down had we choose to. [laughter]

Critic: Taken control....

McDonald: Yes... [laughter] There was a main switch that literally said "Off/On".

Murphy: But that would've been bad.

Critic: At what moment in the show did you feel the impact of everything, like "this isn't a dream"?

Gregg: I started to really feel it the second night, but it was really the third night that it hit me. There was one moment in the middle of a song where the crowd reacted incredibly and there were people singing along. It was just like "whoa this





Guitarist Ryan McDonald

is actually happening". I knew it was big but I never knew it was that big. Also, I've been listening to the Bosstones since I was like, 4, so it was just huge.

Murphy: I had two moments, but one came a lot sooner. We were driving around Boston trying to find this place and I was in the passenger seat with my Flip camcorder and I was

recording Ryan and Jake and I just saw "House of Blues" in neon lights and that's where it really hit me. The second time was on the first night we played. The production manager of the Bosstones had us lined up back stage and he was just like "wait for my signal and you can go". Then he dimmed the lights, and you hear everyone erupt in

applause, and he was just yelling "go go go!". It was like storming the beach in Normandy [laughter].

McDonald: It's kind of a toss up. I'd have to say that back stage a few minutes before we were about to go on. It's weird, because we were back there the Bosstones were there with us so you got to see them get prepared to go on stage. So seeing them in a way, get into an almost vulnerable state, I was like "oh my God"....

Critic: They're human! [laughter]

McDonald: It's like their thing. They do this all the time and they're freaking out. The thing that really put me over the edge was when Dicky Barrett, the lead singer [of the Bosstones], came over and shook our hands and was like "good luck hoys". I was just like "oh god". I'm pretty sure we got in a huddle and just said our goal was to make it our job. We wanted them to pick us again to open for next year, we didn't want to give the job back because it was such a great opportunity.

Murphy: I was happy we showed that much professionalism and you could tell that they really did appreciate it.

Critic: Is there any new material you're currently working on?

McDonald: We're going to be working with Ethan Kascentzka probably starting in about a week recording our new full length album. We'll be making that here on campus in the studio. Ethan will be overseeing the whole project pretty much. We are also in the works of getting a drummer to give more of a punch to our music. A lot of the songs on there will be on the EP but there will be new material. We're planning to record as many songs as we can, pick-

ers, Brooke Parciak and Victoria Reeves, are really now more than ever putting everything into this band. For the next few months, we'll be trying as hard as we can to get everything off the ground. We have a solid fan base at home and here. This is the time we're gonna make things real.

Gregg: If there's anything anyone wants to know, like playing gigs or anything like that then feel free to contact us at suncookedband@gmail.com.

Critic: Awesome, Thank you guys.

While getting a few extra words with they also said they would try to be doing weekly "Dorm Session". Basically it will be a "behind the scenes" video of the band

rehearsing or playing songs released every Thursday on the band's facebook page. They also participated in the very first Music Monday sponsored by the Music Business Majors. Once again, make sure to check out the band's facebook page at www.facebook.com/suncooked for any new updates on the hand!

Photo courtesy of Suncooked
Suncooked plays at the House of Blues

ing the best ones and throwing them on there and putting out a really good album.

Gregg: A lot of the older songs on the new EP will be on there with a new twist. Like something that was acoustic last time will have more of an electric feel.

Critic: Is there anything else you'd like to add or plug?

Murphy: Right now, more than ever the entire Suncooked team, the band and the manag-

Below: Suncooked holds the LSC crowd enthralled.



1,000 Reasons to Celebrate a Win

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Sometimes games aren't about just wins and losses.

Naomi White scored the 1,000th point in her Lyndon State Basketball career on Tues-

day against Johnson State.

Junior forward Donna Lawson, says that White didn't even know that she scored her 1,000th point when she made the bucket.

"We were all kind of joking about it because we knew that

she was close, but Naomi had no idea that she scored it when she did," said Lawson, who was the team high in scoring against Johnson with 24 points.

"There's no one more deserving than Naomi. She's put in a lot of hard work over her four years here, and it really shows, especially when you see she did this."

Coach Vinnic Maloney also had high praise for White, who was one of the first players he recruited to Lyndon State.

"It was a great moment for her," Maloney said. "She had a big smile on her face when it happened, and I think she's really earned it."

With a 7-12 record on the season, the Lady Hornets are right in the thick of the race. They believe that if they play to the best of their ability, they're going to go far.

"If we play the way we can, to the level we can, we're going to turn some heads and surprise people. Teams may not take us seriously, but we are definitely going to surprise people if we play like we should."

Coach Maloney has his team geared up for the playoffs with one goal in mind.

"Our number one goal is to win the conference championship," Maloney said.

"No one is too scary, and we've played all of our conference teams once now, so all we have to do is make adjustments. We'll watch some film, go over some game plans, and prepare like we have all season."

The team will play an out of conference game against Middlebury this Tuesday. The game is expected to tip-off at 5:30 p.m.



Photo by Eric Blaisdell

Junior forward Donna Lawson hits a runner in the lane against Johnson State on Tuesday.



Photos by Eric Blaisdell

Above: Dannika Dobrowski tries to fend off two Johnson players as she fights for the ball

Below: Donna Lawson scores two of her 24 points against Johnson.



Hockey Team Hopeful About Playoffs

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

With a 4-7 overall record, the Hockey team is keeping their fingers crossed that they'll be able to play in the playoffs.

"We need to come together and find out what we do right

and what we do wrong," Goal-tender Mario Viola said. "When we lose, we make stupid mistakes, and it's our fault a lot of the times."

Coach Jonathan Davis is more than pleased with the performance out of his team this season.

"These guys are playing really well as a team," Davis said. "If our record was undefeated, I would be saying all of the same things about these guys, and they know that."

An emotional game is next up on the schedule for the team, as the seniors will be playing their last game at the Fenton Chester Arena, as a member of the team.

"A lot of these seniors are going to have some really emotional games, and it could be a good thing for this team," said Viola. "It's going to be tough next year without them, and

we're really going to miss them."

Although Coach Davis agreed that all of the seniors will be missed, he also felt that the contribution of the underclassmen to the team is something that should not be forgotten.

"I'm really excited to see what all of these young players with us are going to do next year," said Davis. "Many of these past years we've only lost one or two players, so for us as a team next year, it's going to be different. A lot of the younger guys will make big, important contributions for this team, and I'm excited to see that."

After winning a big game on the road against Norwich, the team just wasn't quite ready and up to par when they lost the Daniel Webster the next day.

"I think we were still emotionally drained from the Norwich game the night before," said Viola. "I know I wasn't playing my best game, so I pulled myself in the second period."

The Hockey team will host Norwich tonight at home at 7:30 p.m. Their next and last game of the season will be away against Tufts University, Saturday February 11.

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Men's Basketball Finally On Track



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Above: Vaughan is one of the young playmakers helping the Hornets win as of late.

Top right: Forward Asa Smith attempts a dunk.

Bottom right: Things do not get any easier as center Jason Gray easily lays it in.

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

The Lyndon State College Men's Basketball team finally has a pulse.

After an 0-14 start to the season amongst several blowouts, the Hornets have claimed four out of their last six games.

If there was one game to look at as a sudden turning point, it would be the Saturday double-overtime thriller in which the Hornets beat New England College 99-98 in arguably the most exciting game of the season. Freshman guard Devyn Baranauskas hit a buzzer-beater as time expired, propelling the Hornets to what was their third win in five games.

Freshman point guard Daquan Vaughan feels that the dramatic win was a turning point in the season.

"That (game against NEC) felt good. We got another win in our belt... After that win, we've been going together," Vaughan said.

Things continued to roll with a 71-63 home win over Johnson State College on Tuesday.

Head Coach Joe Krupinski credits the recent surge to the new slate of incoming freshmen for this semester.

"We just didn't have enough numbers for what we were trying to do (in the first semester). It's allowed us to play faster," Krupinski said.

Vaughan is one of those new players. Though he did not think that the team played well in the



early going of his arrival, he recognizes that things are finally starting to come together.

"As the season progressed, we've been gelling better and everybody's accepting their role," Vaughan said.

There are six games left on the slate for the Hornets, who need to hold off Green Mountain and Maine Maritime to make the North Atlantic Conference playoffs. As of right now the Hornets hold the number

seven seed in the NAC standings.

Coach Krupinski believes that the team can sneak up on potential NAC playoff opponents.

"We can be that team that causes problems in the tournament, but we got to prove it now," Krupinski said.

The Hornets' next game is a Tuesday home game against Middlebury College. Tip-off starts at 7 p.m.

Breaking Down the Film

John Kazar
Alex Farnworth
Critic Columnists

Last week, we gave a broad view of what was at stake for the big game this Sunday. This year's Super Bowl matchup between the New York Giants and the New England Patriots surely has been hyped up to what it should be. But what key factors and matchups are truly going to decide this game? Let's dive deep and take a closer look.

Rob Gronkowski vs. The Giants Secondary

Gronk has been a force to be reckoned with all season long. He broke the tight end record for receiving touchdowns in a single season. He also manages to shed every first tackle a defender attempts on him. One

issue for Gronk is going to be a high ankle sprain that he suffered against the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC Championship. The ankle will require surgery after the Super Bowl, but until then we know Gronk will still create a matchup nightmare for the Giants defense.

The Coaching Matchup (Tom Coughlin vs. Bill Belichick)

Football is similar to a game of chess. These two coaches are the masterminds behind what is being executed on the field. Part of this game will be these two coaches trying to outsmart each other. Despite Belichick having three rings to Coughlin's one, Coughlin always has his team prepared.

Giants Defensive Line vs. Pats Offensive Line

This could be the one factor that ultimately decides the game. Tom Brady has been protected well all season long, including in the playoffs. On the other hand, the Giants defensive line is arguably the foundation of their team. Dating back to the '07-'08 Super Bowl, the Giants have had no problem getting to the QB through guys like Osi Umenyiora, Justin Tuck, and newly emerged Jason Pierre-Paul. Back on Nov. 6 of this season, the Giants only managed to get to Brady twice. Despite lack of pressure they still got the win. However, two sacks might not get it done this time.

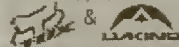
Giants Receivers vs. Patriots Cornerbacks

Victor Cruz, Hakeem Nicks and even Mario Manningham; a trio of wide receivers that have been dependable for Eli down the stretch. Cruz's speed has allowed him to break open for big

yardage after the catch. Nicks has massive hands and has been Eli's biggest downfield threat. Manningham has proven to be a useful red-zone target. With a Patriots secondary that has struggled all season, containing these receivers will be a daunting task.

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Man on the Mountain: Cranmore

Kyle Mecham
Critic Staff

Pulling up to Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway, N.H., after an unexpected and slightly cramped two hour drive from Lyndonville, presented a warming sight of a quaint village setting in the base lodge area. The drive (normally being at most an hour and a half) was taken slowly as the snow dumped down over western New Hampshire.

Drew O'Brien, Burke Mountain Terrain Park Staff, Taylor Craft, avid snowboarder, and I met up with Devin "The Bug" Bugbee (Cranmore Terrain Park Staff) to take some hot laps through their jib parks.

"We slashed powder from the summit lift down to the park the whole time," said O'Brien. "It wasn't really a day for filming the park, but it was super fun to slide powder and rails at the same time."

We rode through two parks, Darkside (larger park) and Other Side (smaller park), and the smaller park was nothing to

scoff at. It included a smooth jump section, a flat rail, an up-flat rail, a wall ride, and a stair set with a down box and down rail.

"I like the small park," confessed Craft. "The jump section is really cool with that step-over, and the wall ride is a sweet feature."

Most of the time we were on the Darkside. I watched behind the camera as the three of them slayed the rail lines over and over again. It starts with a choice of a beastly flat-down box or a down 20-set with a handrail. It moves into a jump line with jumps ranging from 25-40 feet that were very well maintained, even through the snow. The "your choice" rail line came next with eight features, organized in two side-by-side lines of four. The left side was a flat box, a flat-down double picnic table, a long shallow rainbow box, to a big long battleship box. The right side was a mellow up rail, a steeper up rail, an A-frame rail, to a mellow flat-up-flat rail. This section required a lot of rhythm.

"If there was anything I'd

change," said The Bug, "it would be the distance between the rails of this section. It doesn't give you too much time to adjust, so if you don't land perfectly, your chances of getting what you want on the next feature are slim."

On the other hand, O'Brien seemed to enjoy this aspect, "I like the fact that they're closer together," he said. "It's challenging and makes for a bigger reward."

This section went into a spine with a tube, to a rightward c-box, then a flat rail, then to the exceptionally placed cannon up-rail to finish off the park right in front of the base lodge and main lift.

After seeing T-Craft front-one switch back-three this banger feature and then do the same trick switch, I had gotten all the footage I needed and it was time to head home. We said our farewells to The Bug and the rest of the Cranmore Park Crew and headed back through the quaint village toward our snowy ride back home through the Notch.



Top: Drew O'Brien pulls off a move coming down the mountain at Cranmore. Middle: Taylor Craft executes a trick on a rail at Cranmore Mountain. Bottom: Devin Bugbee, a former LSC student follows shortly after the other two, on the same rail.

Photos by Kyle Mecham



CAB: New Events for a New Semester

Sarah Peluso
Critic Correspondent

With the start of a new semester at Lyndon State College, the Campus Activity Board has planned many events for all of their students.

The first performer came on January 19, 2011 singing while making jokes. He was said to make the crowd laugh, but wasn't as funny as previous performers were last semester.

The next upcoming event is on Thursday, March 8 in the Alexander Twilight Theatre. These performers go by the name of "The Mayhem Poets" and have brought their talents to all over the world, including Ireland. They use hip-hop rhythms along with theatrical techniques to get their audiences engaged.

Following the poets comes along a comedian on March 22. KT Tatara is supposed to be a "brutally honest" comedian who

really does make every crowd laugh. He does so well with making people laugh that he has appeared on a few different television shows including "Live at Gotham" on Comedy Central. With a big break in between shows at LSC the next performer, Melissa Villasenor, will be impersonating many on April 4.

Paige Lang, freshman at LSC, said "I'm excited to see how good she is because she did make it as a top 16 finalist on America's Got Talent!"

After seeing various shows over this semester, CAB will end it by bringing in a juggling comedian, Lindsay Benner, on May 3. Many are thinking that this should be an interesting show but with appearing on the film The Lost Coast, others think that she has to have a lot of talent. This new semester should be quite exciting with all of the talent that CAB is bringing to the students.

Movies on Campus: Behind the Screen

Lindsay Dodge
Critic Correspondent

One thing that most colleges and universities have in common is movies and films on campus. A movie on campus is one of the most popular ways to entertain the student body.

It all depends on the movie or film being shown and the number of people who come to see it. For instance, over 200 people showed up to watch Friends with Benefits compared to The Thing who only got 50 to 100 people watching it. They usually show what was popular in theaters a few months before hand. While weeks go by, the school will alternate genres, for instance comedy one week then horror the next. Lyndon State CAB is the club that runs the movies on campus.

Now it is not all just purchasing a movie and showing it for a week. There are a set of

rules and guidelines to showing a movie or film on a school campus. All the hosts of the movies have to follow the Federal Copyright Act. The schools need a public performance license and proof of rights to show a movie on campus.

The selection process for Lyndon State goes through the SGA representative for the college board of activities. To get the movies they go through a company called Swank Motion Pictures.

The representative gets to choose which movie will be best for the campus student body. To pick the movies out, she goes to the company's premiere of the movies and chooses 14-15 movies she believes the students would like the best. She will then contact her advisor, giving them the list of the movies. The advisor then contacts the company asking for the movies to be shown on campus.

CAB gets 14-15 movies for a semester, so that is 28-30 movies for the school year. Now each movie probably doesn't cost what you think. Each movie price ranges from 500-1000 dollars; the more expensive movies are Twilight and Harry Potter, or any movie that the college age range would most like to see. Going through the company Swank, they also get two posters, which they have to pay five dollars per poster for.

Coming from most of the students who attend the movies and films on campus every week, it is something everyone can look forward to during the week. Lyndon State CAB shows the same movie twice a week so students can have two chances to see the movie. If not all colleges and universities do this, they should defiantly configure about adding it to their weekly events on campus.

Do it Yourself:
How to Make
Laundry Soap

Brittany Gucwa
Critic Correspondent

So you're broke as a joke, and you need laundry detergent for cheap.

As someone who has to pay every time to wash my clothes, and goes through the joys of spending my hard earned cash on laundry detergent, being DIY savvy can come in handy.

As a guinea pig and someone who wouldn't lie to me, I asked Christopher Micklus to try the laundry soap. He said it works the same as store bought, name brand "junk," and that he thought it was a cool idea to try.

Let's say the average detergent costs \$7 (some cost more), and you can get approximately 32 loads done with one bottle. Let's also say that you wash your clothes once a week. That can get you a good way through the year without having to buy more. That's only if you're doing your laundry. If you have a significant other or children, you're spending more than that. But we'll stick with the single student example.

My research and buying of the products you will need has shown that in total it costs \$13 to make. While that is more than what it would cost to buy a small bottle, it will last longer.

This is a powder recipe, so you can store it in a little plastic box or whatever you have laying around. I happened to have a whole bunch of plastic containers, so I used those.

Things you need to make laundry soap:

1-55 ounce box of Arm and Hammer Super Washing Soda (its important you get super washing soda, not the regular baking soda): \$4.00

1-76 ounce box of 20 Mule Team Borax (this is hard to find, but you can find it in major grocery stores, usually): \$5.00

And Ivory Soap (they usually come in packs): \$4.00

Source: diynatural.com

Now, you can make more laundry soap, or less, depending on how much storage space you have.

1 bar of shaved bar soap (I used a knife, which is dangerous, so be very careful. Use something safer if possible)

1 cup of Borax

1 cup of washing soda

Stir this for 5 minutes and you're done!

The recommended amount of soap to use per load is only one tablespoon. You can use more than that if you're clothes are extra dirty.

Seeing as there are 8 ounces in a cup, you can make this recipe quite a few times and in the long run it will save you money. You can make this approximately 6 times. Which yields to about 32-50 loads per batch. So you have enough detergent now to last you about three years.

If you're buying a name brand laundry detergent twice a year at \$7 per bottle, that's \$14 a year. With this recipe you save \$29 dollars. And with that extra money, you can spend it on other things you really don't need, but really want.

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Morgan Forester
Critic Staff

It is beginning to set in, the old procrastination and lack of sleep routine that most of get into during school. It's not a criticism, I am just as guilty of doing it as you are. I am beginning to see how much more stress it causes me though. I know it is way easier said than done but try restructuring the time in your day for certain activities like homework versus time watching T.V. I have a tendency to get really into to whatever show I'm watching and then, next thing I know, it's nine o'clock at night and I still have papers to write. Sounding like your mother is not my goal here (even though I am sounding like it aren't I?) the goal is to help

everyone keep their stressors and their lives in balance so we can all be healthier.

Exercise of the Week:
Curtisies

Courtesy of Brad Collins, Exercise Science Major

Stand with feet together, hands at your sides (with or without weights), with good posture. Take a large step back with your right foot. Keeping the distance between your two feet from the step you just took, slide your right foot over towards your left as much as you can without turning your hips. Keeping your torso in a straight line lower your body as if you are doing lunges evenly dispersing your weight between your two legs. Do 10 repetitions for each leg. This is great for your legs, hips and glutes.

Recipe of the Week:
Crockpot Sesame Chicken

Ingredients
2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast
1/2 cup soy sauce

1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon ketchup
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

Directions:

Makes 4 servings

Place chicken breasts in the crockpot. Whisk together remaining ingredients and pour the mixture over the chicken. Cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 6-8 hours.

Eat it on its own or grab a bag of microwavable rice to serve with it. Enjoy!

Activity of the Week: Get Involved

There are plenty of clubs on campus to join, explore them and see which one fits you best. If you aren't interested in committing to a club, go to a couple of the events the school hosts, like free movies (Paranormal Activity this week), Mr. Lyndon, Winter Weekend activities or even free skating and a free Super Bowl Party this Sunday. Whatever it is take part in it and be a part of the college.

Dana Dishes:
Mama's Mac and Cheese

Dana Berlin
Entertainment Editor

I have grown up with some special dishes my mom has engineered in her kitchen. She has never ceased to keep my belly filled, and has always kept my taste buds surprised.

This Macaroni & Cheese dish is great for family dinners, potluck style gatherings, or a simple comfort food in the middle of the day. This recipe makes 8 servings, but just like any other dish, it depends on who is eating it.

Basics: Bake at 350 for about 50-55 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly. The dairy ingredients used are whole milk styles, but can be substituted with 1% or skim for people on diets.

Ingredients:
2 packages (8 oz ea) ELBOW macaroni
2 pounds cream style Cottage Cheese.
1 cups Sour Cream
2 eggs
1 teaspoons salt
teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon grated onion

4 cups grated cheese
2 cloves garlic (or 2 teaspoons - minced garlic from a jar)

Optional Ingredients:

1 cup cubed ham
1 pound crumbled Bacon
8 ounces of Cream Cheese cut into small cubes and stirred in with grated cheese.

Grated cheese options are left up to the baker themselves, but some of my favorites are Cheddar, Mozzarella or Provolone. You can even grate in some Pepper Jack for another interesting taste.

This Semester's Radio Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7am - 9am	(open)	(open)	(open)	Besso morning mess	6am - 8am	(open)	(open)	(open)
9am - 11am	(open)	(open)	Lydian Mode	Z & the Priest	8am - 10am	(open)	The Inferno	(open)
11am - 1pm	Joe's Party Mix	Blades and Sawgrass	(open)	Knock up to the 90's	10am - 12pm	Morning Mayhem	Bigg and Smalls	The Tyler Dumont Show
1pm - 3pm	It Ain't Dead It Just Smells Funny	Through the Noisemaker	Schoots Schuffle	Shreddin' Showdown	12pm - 2pm	Noon Power Play	Mr. Shadow's Revenge	Joeshow and Broshow in the PM
3pm - 5pm	The Year That Was	Pocket Full of Rainbows	Homebrewed	Radio Live / Mostly Cat Bands (4pm)	2pm - 4pm	Left Take	Press X	The Show
5pm - 7pm	Mozack's Music Mix-up	KZKK	Sports Roundtable	Mostly Cat Bands / The Flannel Hour (6pm)	4pm - 6pm	Frenzy Friday	March to the Scaffold	Nix Mix
7pm - 9pm	All American Potion	Charlie and the Weiner Factory	ICE ICE BABY!	Fine Dining	6pm - 8pm	Fisher Fantasy	Freddie's Freaking Awesome Saturday Night	The Noise
9pm - 11pm	Punk Show	Metal Meltdown	Rocket Shot North	Out of Range	8pm - 10pm	TGIJeff	Reggae Nation	Hms Bounty
11pm - 1am	Midnight Marauding	The Golden Shower Power Half Hour	(open)	The Wake Up Call	10pm - 12am	FOREPLAY	Skrilla Killa Thrilla	BOOOOOOOOOO OONUS

Diversity on Campus Portrayed Through Art

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

The Green Mountains of Vermont have been brought to the Advising Resource Center at Lyndon State College.

Daniel Haycock, a senior liberal studies major, explained that he wanted to create a diversity mural in order to depict the diversity on campus. The new diversity mural, painted in the Advising Resource Center, is the product of a grant funded project headed by Haycock who works for director of advising resources, Kathleen Gold.

"We focused on the diversity of our students, faculty and staff; our diverse interests and how our unique qualities make the tight-knit community that Lyndon prides itself on," said Haycock.

The goal was to decide how to best depict the diversity

on campus, while also tying it into academics. According to Haycock, the challenge was depicting Lyndon's diversity without stereotyping anyone.

"Art breaks down barriers and creates conversation which is important when dealing with diversity," Haycock stated. Consequently, the idea of a mural was born.

The ridge of the Green Mountains is the only thing that has been painted so far and was done so by Alen Turajlic, a December '11 graduate of LSC. Starting Tuesday, Feb. 7 through the middle of March, however, students will have the chance to add their own handprint to the mural on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Haycock stated that the handprints would be done with red, orange, and yellow colors to represent Vermont's foliage.

Haycock proposed that the mural be painted in the Advis-

ing Resource Center because of the influence of the people who work there.

"We thought it was really important to have it in the Advising Resource Center because the people who work in that space are the people who see students when they first come for student orientation, in the first year experience office," Haycock said. "Everybody, at some point during their college career, is influenced by somebody in that office."

Students will have to take a quick questionnaire about themselves and Lyndon's impact on them before they place their handprint on the mural.

The responses will be reviewed and then written on the wall in blue as the "sky" of the mural.

Gold explained that she hires a student and assigns them a project to help fill in the gaps on campus.

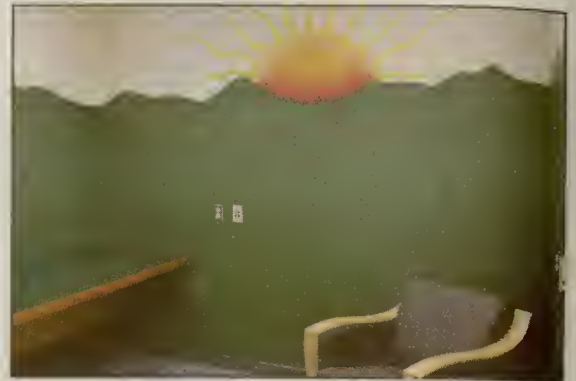


Photo by Danielle Drown

The Diversity Mural, painted in the Advising Resource Center.

The mural and survey together will work to recognize the diversity on the campus, while instilling a sense of ownership to the students.

"We want a clear, broad representation of the reasons why students are here" said Gold.

Haycock stressed the need

for involvement from the Lyndon community.

"It is really reliant on student involvement," Haycock said. "Without the students participating it really isn't going to work. We wanted the people who are representing the college to make it happen."

Shred Shuttle Shifting into High Gear

Cameron Willis
Critic Correspondent



Photos by Cameron Willis

Above: Students wait to board the Burke Mountain Shuttle.
Below: Jamie Struck loads his truck with equipment.



Students no longer need to waste gas and drive with their ski boots on to Burke.

As of January 25, the first Burke Mountain shuttle left the Wheelock parking lot at 8 a.m. with three students on board. The idea of having a shuttle to Burke Mountain has been a longtime dream of the shredders of LSC and with adventure program coordinator, Jamie Struck, the idea became a reality.

Struck led the implementation of a shuttle to Burke Mountain. He came up with a Monday and Wednesday trial schedule for the shuttle that would leave LSC from behind Wheelock at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Every time the shuttle drops off, students can hitch a ride back to

campus. The final pick up is at Burke at 4 p.m.

Trials are only running on Monday and Wednesdays due to a lack of vans and drivers. The first day the 8 a.m. shuttle drove three students going to Burke. At 11 a.m. there were two students on the shuttle and three students coming back. At 1:30 p.m., there were three students going to Burke and one returning.

The trial is to prove that there is demand for the service, which will allow for it to grow. Students have been driving to Burke between classes in their own cars nearly every day. If one drove to Burke every day, seven days a week, you would burn about a tank of gas, which is pricey for college students. This service will allow student to use their season pass more often and

be more cost effective to them.

Tyler Powell, a freshman Graphic Design Major thinks, "it is a convenient way to travel to the mountain."

LSC freshman Nick Monti said, "The shuttle to Burke is an excellent way to conserve resources."

Currently it costs the Lyndon State Adventure Program \$81.62 a day to run the bus. Say they wanted to run the bus 5 days a week, it would cost about \$5,000 a year to run the shuttle. Funding is currently the biggest barrier for the shuttle program. Currently, funds are coming from outside resources supporting the idea.

Leadership Conference Says: Be The Boss

Jesilyn Amsden
Critic Staff

Students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills this Saturday, February 4, at Lyndon State College.

The Leadership Conference is being hosted by the Student Academic and Leadership Center and all students are encouraged to attend. This is a chance to engage in learning with others, while also improving your resume.

Student Activities Coordinator and Residence Hall Director, Kayla Carlozzi looks forward to this event stating, "This will be the fourth year and prospectively the largest year the conference has put on."

The keynote speaker is Lyndon State alumnus, Adam Joseph, who has been invited to speak about his career as a meteorologist in Philadelphia, Pa for Chan-

nel 6 ABC.

Students are invited to attend this conference free of charge; walk-ins are welcome. The focus is on getting experience with becoming a leader, learning what it takes to maintain that position, and sharing your knowledge with others. Registration starts at 10:15 a.m. in ASAC 100 and the conference runs from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. At that time, the event will come to a close with an ice cream social. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided, as well as giveaways.

After lunch there are several workshops you can choose from such as, What Type of Leader are You?, Building Bridges of Leadership, and Toy Box Leadership. These workshops not only aim to provide quality lessons on leadership, but also help students receive hands-on experience alongside others with the same interest.

Attending in collaboration with the Lyndon State Residential Life Staff are students from both Castleton

State and Vermont Tech. This event promotes interaction between all VSC Resident Assistants and Residential Life Staff.

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SHOW US THE MONEY

Samantha VanSchoick
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MONTPELIER, Vt.—Over 350 students and faculty from across the Vermont State Colleges stormed the Statehouse Tuesday demanding more state funding for higher education.

The rally came on the heels of a VSC Board of Trustees decision to raise tuition by about 8% over the next two years so the state colleges could continue to operate at current capacity.

Freshmen sisters Olivia and Hannah Hamel were among the 15 Lyndon State students who rode the bus to the Statehouse.

"We will have debt. My mom is a single parent and she's trying to help pay for both Olivia and myself," Hannah explained while wearing the white shirt she decorated to read "Swimming in debt! Help!" Many students wore white shirts sporting the amount of student debt they have incurred while in college.

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Photo by Eric Blaisdell
Students rally at the State House

LSC STUDENT ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

A March 5 court date has been set for a Lyndon State College student accused of sexually assaulting a New Hampshire woman, last year, on the LSC campus.

Taylor Burke, 20, from Bennington, Vt., was "cited and released" earlier this week, the Vermont State Police said. He is scheduled to appear in Caledonia Superior Court.

AJ Raskin, a junior Music

Business major, said he did not see the grounds for the citation against Burke.

"I really don't know what happened. I think it's just all hearsay and rumors. All I know is he is a great guy, a great friend and I'm sure this is all going to blow over," said Raskin.

In a text message, Jake Machell, a junior Music business major had a similar response.

"He's a great kid. Anyone who knows him would say the same," said Machell.

The identity of the alleged vic-

tim has not been released. The incident is being referred to as "an acquaintance sexual assault."

The state police began an investigation on March 27 and the college sent out a community notice about the incident April 14. LSC spokesman, Bob Whittaker, could not provide any specific information about the investigation.

"I have not had a chance to talk with [George Hacking] to get updated and reminded about the occurrences and details of last year," said Whittaker.

Whittaker stated that the col-

lege worked with the Vermont State Police to investigate the incident.

"We learned of the incident through the Vermont State Police. The victim went right to the state police to report it," said Whittaker. "We cooperated with them once we learned of it. They took the investigation right from the start. We sent a community notice out to make sure people were alerted that something had occurred."

Jonathan Davis, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and George Hacking, Director of Public Safety, declined comment,

referring any questions to Bob Whittaker.

Special Investigation Unit Detective, Russell Finn, was not available for comment.

Burke was unresponsive to the Critic's multiple attempts to reach him for comment.

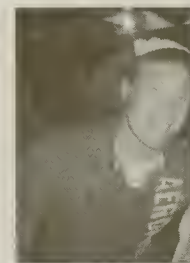


Photo taken from Facebook
Accused student, Taylor Burke.

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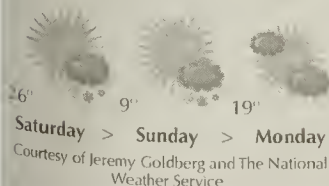
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Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Business majors know that if an enterprise is hemorrhaging cash, if costs exceed revenues, you can easily solve the problem by jacking up prices. Just kidding. That wouldn't work for a lemonade stand, let alone a real grown-up business. But that strategy seems to be the game plan for at least one business, the Vermont State College system.

Try to think of a single innovation in recent years that present or past administrations have implemented to increase the efficiency with which this college fulfills its mission. That mission is to give students the best possible education in exchange for the considerable price they pay for it. For thirteen years, we had a president whose approach to financial problems was to cut things. Cut staff, cut classes, cut services. To return for a moment to our flawed business model, imagine that a business running in the

red realized they couldn't just jack up their prices, so they cut the quality of their services instead. If you want to see that strategy in action take a look at the airline industry, which has yet to recover from 9/11.

But colleges have an advantage that airlines do not; the higher education industry has a cash cow to milk. The cash cow is the student body. A student may not have sufficient credit to buy a clunker from a local used car dealer, but that same student has credit that colleges and college approved vendors can tap to pay their prices, however exorbitant. And once a student has completed a semester or two or three, transferring to a different school is not that easy. Not all credits may be transferable and taking some time off may trigger the student loan payment process. So most students will grit their teeth and accept whatever expenses are thrown at them.

And, when it's all over and graduation day arrives, suppose the student cannot find a job

that will provide a decent living and enough extra to pay the huge debt incurred over four years. Too bad. Unlike almost all other debts, student loans cannot be discharged through bankruptcy. The same body of law that says that an 18-year-old lacks the judgment to responsibly drink a bottle of beer says that the same 18 year old has sufficient judgment to assume a lifetime of debt.

So where is the incentive for the college to improve service and lower costs through innovation? Instead the business model is based on recruitment and fee increases. Top schools don't need to be concerned with recruitment; they turn most applicants away. What they offer is high quality education delivered by highly qualified professors and a track record of producing highly successful and often famous graduates.

Doesn't it stand to reason that this is the model to follow? Instead we have been focused on attracting students with the idea that they will be having fun.

Years ago, the biggest put-down for a college was to accuse it of being a party school. Except for a few spoiled rich kids, few wanted to waste their college years at a party school.

This college's latest strategy is to launch programs for which there is a demand. That sounds good, but suppose the demand is for programs that require little effort and deliver a bachelor's degree while maximizing leisure. Where is the responsibility of the college to exercise judgment as to the type and level of skills that will best serve the needs of its graduates? And shouldn't the success of the college be measured by the ultimate success of its graduates?

The more successful those graduates, the better the reputation of the school and the less it needs to concentrate on recruitment and meeting expenses. Soon Lyndon State College will have a new president. Let's hope that our new leadership takes us on a path that leads to academic excellence and well-deserved institutional pride.

Let's Get Down to Business

Apathy Goes to College

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

I believe Lyndon suffers from a severe case of apathy. Apathy is defined as a lack of feeling, emotion, interest or concern.

On February 7, over 300 students gathered at the Vermont State House to advocate for increased funding for the Vermont State Colleges. That morning, a bus left Lyndon and headed for Montpelier with only 15 LSC students aboard. That's barely one out of every 100 students at this college. Last year, with just a week of planning, 75 students from Lyndon traveled to Montpelier. Why was there such a dramatic decrease in numbers? The answer is simple: students only care when the issue is too late to fix.

Last year, we faced a series of budget crises. When the college was faced with the need to

fire a faculty member in the name of insuring the financial future of the college, students immediately came together as a collective group to voice opposition, but in the end, were too late to really make an impact.

This past Tuesday, you had a chance to be heard by a number of legislators, policy makers and the Governor but instead you decided to stay home. Last week, I told you that you would be better off wasting away watching Jersey Shore or tweeting about how sick that party was. I guess you really didn't think that you could make a difference and that policy makers would just consider you uneducated and unable to hold adult conversations.

Ask any student who had the confidence to come on Tuesday how they felt when they were able to engage state legislators from across Vermont. Talk to them about the real results

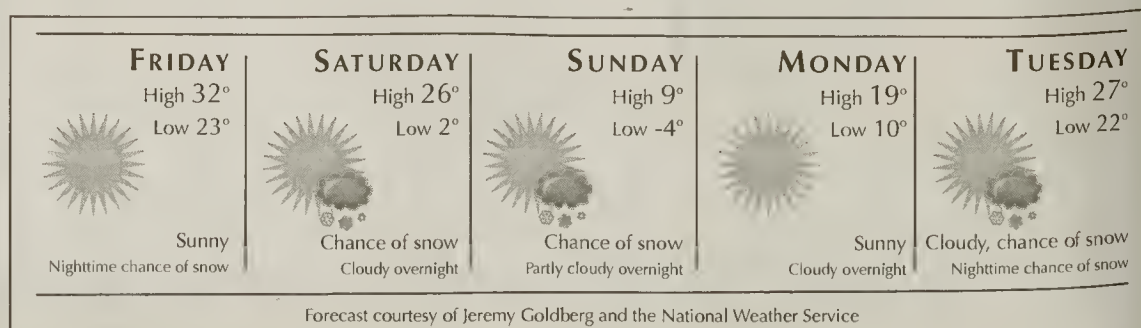
they had. I am so proud of those students and so incredibly disappointed in students who decided not to care or professors who didn't encourage their students to take part.

In the end when you are paying back tens of thousands of dollars worth of loans and debt, just think of what one day in Montpelier could have done. When you go to tour colleges with your future children and the costs are so ridiculous that you won't be able to send them to college, just think of what one day in Montpelier could have done.

I am not done with this battle; I have just started. There is still time to make a difference in our community and at the state house and together we will be able to turn the state in the direction in which we would like it to go. Open up your eyes and realize that the world is far bigger

than your 1:30 class every Tuesday and Thursday. You can truly make a difference and as a united front we can make one hell of a difference.

On February 2, as the student trustee who represents every student in the VSC, I stood up and voted no for an eight percent tuition increase over two years. I called for the State of Vermont to live up to its 1961 pledge to pay all or a substantial part of the costs for the VSC. They currently fund us at just 18 percent. I issued a statement to the Board of Trustees that hundreds of students from all over the system would attend a rally in support of this message and that we would make a difference. I was half correct on this statement. The only problem was that Lyndon State College, my home institution, seemed not to care about this fight.



Rally (cont. from page 1)

"I think we're going to make a huge difference," Olivia said. "I don't think a lot of students know that Vermont is dead last in financial support for higher education institutions." Vermont is close to last, ranking 49 in the country in providing state support to higher education institutions.

LSC had about 24 students attend the rally, while Castleton and Vermont Technical College had a total of 63 students present. Johnson State brought over 125 students to the statehouse steps.

"Instead of urging the legislature to do the research, we are bringing the research to them," JSC Student Government president James Dempsey was excited about the student presence. "We're going to show them, 'this is how much I owe, I go to JSC, and you can ask me questions'"

"I'm hoping we just get the word out," Kristina Gorden, a junior majoring in wellness and alternative medicines, explained. "I see a lot of students leave school because they can't

afford it." Gorden's enthusiasm for the event began on the bus ride over when students were busy making posters for the rally.

Currently Vermont's higher education system, including the five state colleges, University of Vermont, and Vermont Student Assistance Corp., receives about \$80 million a year from the state.

In-state tuitions around the state colleges range from \$8,568 at Castleton, Lyndon, and Johnson, to \$10,656 at VTC. Out-of-state tuition is as low as \$18,456 at LSC to \$20,376 VTC. Many students were quick to point out that tuition does not include extra charges such as lab fees, office supplies, and textbooks. Room and board can add up to \$10,000 to the student's bill.

After listening to student leaders and members of the legislature speak on the steps, students had the chance to interact with legislators. "Every single student was assigned a state legislator," explained VSC student trustee John Kleinhans. Going to have one on one conversa-

tions... they have a little pledge sheet and if they want to pledge the Vermont State College they can sign."

Some students found legislators hard to approach.

"I was a little nervous," said Rain Nissen-Reilly, a senior global studies major at LSC.

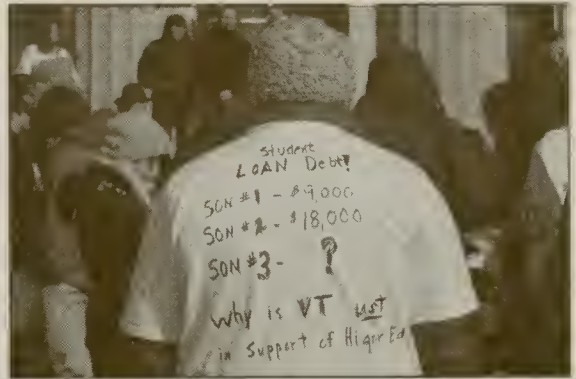
"I don't know why though. He was very nice," Roland Pol-lard, a sophomore computer and sustainability major at LSC, who was partnered with Nissen-Reilly, added.

"I wish I had talking points though, I kind of lost my words. He was open to talking to us though, he seemed to care about higher education," Nissen-Reilly explained.

As students loaded back on the bus to LSC, the Hamel sisters felt good about what had been accomplished.

"I do feel like we made a difference," Olivia said. "They know we are here."

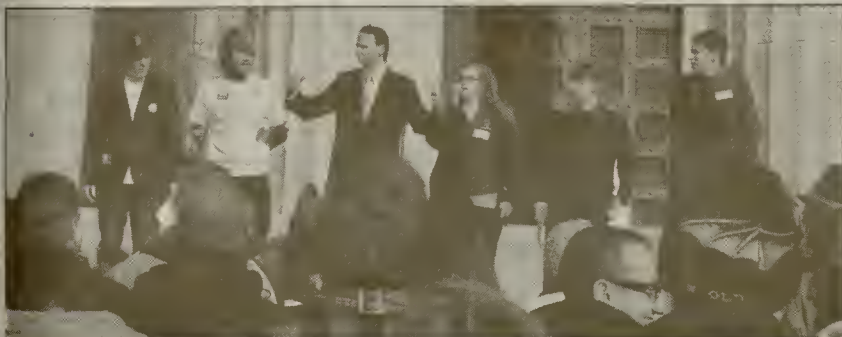
"And during lunch we did a little shopping," Hannah smiled and held up a small blue bag.



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Above: Students, faculty, and family members rallied at the State House in support of further funding for higher education

Below: Hannah Hammel shows off her customized rally wear



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Top: John Kleinhans speaks to protesters at the State House. Center Left: Student body president Nick Russo makes his remarks. Center right: Students wear their college debt on their sleeves. Bottom: Students arrive at the State House rally

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Model UN Already Going National



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Members of the model UN club at a meeting before their trip to Cambridge, Mass.

Morgan Forester
Web Editor

The Model United Nations club is off to a great start.

With their trip to Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. rapidly approaching the students are meeting every week to prepare for the event. They are eating, sleeping, and dreaming about the conference.

"We were at the conference looking for Italy and we saw a group of people tossing pizza pies in the air and I said 'That's them!'," recalls David Plazek, the group's faculty advisor.

At their meetings the group of six students, Na Zhan, President, John Kennedy, Vice President, Emma Shat-

tuck, Secretary, Casey Spear, Treasurer, Adam Norton, and Jianchuan Zheng (Jason) discuss the positions they will be taking as they represent the country of San Marino at this year's competition. They are looking at topics like immigration, humanitarian intervention and refugees, and nuclear power to name a few.

"The nuclear topic will be debatable [at the conference] because there's going to be countries that are going to want to continue to build nuclear facilities and not really be subject to international regulations," says Kennedy.

He goes on to tell the group the rest of the details of his proposal.

Each member has written or co-written a proposal on the items they will be

discussing at the conference and their proposed ways of handling those issues. These proposals were finalized and submitted yesterday and will be scored at the conference. The best proposal is awarded a prize. The next focus for the group will be working on their speeches related to their proposals and their strategies for the conference.

"[We] were thinking that San Marino is kind of a religious country, maybe we could make our speeches religious...like Obama always finishes his speeches with 'God Bless America,'" suggests Zhan.

The students are all very focused on their preparation for the conference. They are looking into local resources like professors Ben Luce and Janet Bennion

for more background information on the subjects they are discussing. They are also detail oriented down to knowing which non-governmental organizations (NGO's) San Marino is affiliated with.

This devotion to putting forth the best proposals and speeches is most likely due to the reasons why these students joined the Model U.N. club to begin with. Everyone said that it was something that interested them and just about everyone in the group is planning to go into some sort of social science career, accepting Zheng, an EJA major who says "it will help broaden my views with EJA."

The club will be at the conference from February 16 thru the 19 and are looking forward to a win.

Plazek Heading to JSC

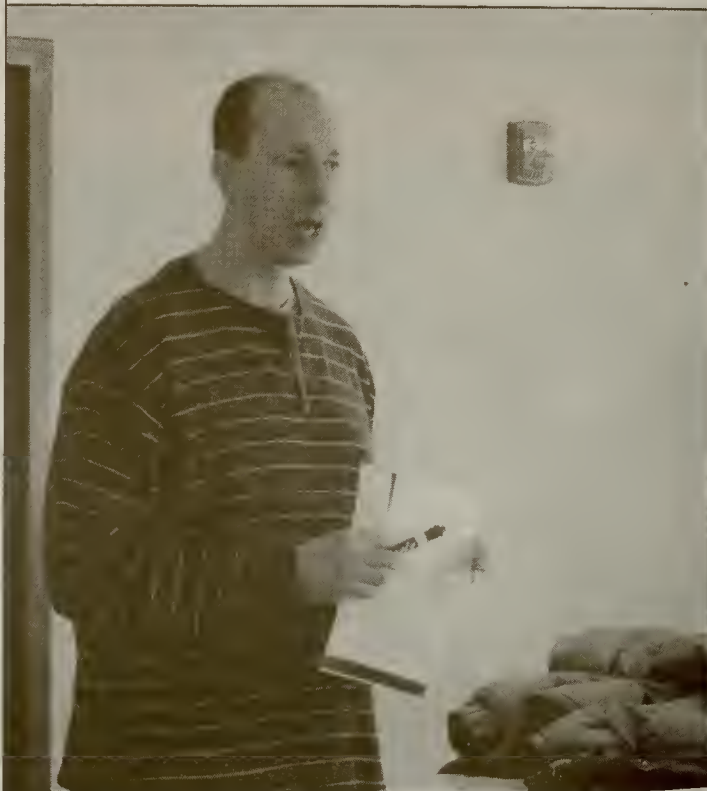


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David Plazek teaching one of his last classes at LSC. Plazek will be taking his talents to Johnson State.

Olivia Hamel
Critic Correspondent

Next year the only professional political scientist on campus will be leaving our numbers to head to Johnson State College.

According to David Plazek, budgetary issues and administrative decisions made last school year forced him to start looking at other places for a more secure position.

"The position wasn't safe, so I had to start looking. I have a family to feed; coincidentally Johnson was looking for somebody with exactly my qualifications," said Plazek.

The political science position is going to be phased out at Lyndon State College, ultimately allowing a criminologist to be hired. This decision was made because of the new criminal justice major beginning at LSC.

The position opened at JSC was an international relationships and comparative politics teaching position.

Plazek's specialty is in international relations, "and so," he said, "it was a perfect fit."

"My real love is teaching, so these are smaller schools and I get to know people's names, get to know faces and I get to provide services and really help students," said Plazek.

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Health Insurance: You Have a Choice

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

As a result of the new federal health care reform law, college students can expect to pay more for insurance due to new required minimum coverage levels for the Vermont State College insurance plan.

According to Wayne Hamilton, dean of administration for Lyndon State College, the federal health care reform law has raised the bar on minimum insurance coverage requirements for students on the college's health care plan.

"Many student health insurance plans currently offered across the country, including Lyndon's, do not meet the new mandated minimum coverage levels," said Hamilton, in an email response. "Typically, colleges and universities have attempted to maintain affordable insurance by offering plans with basic coverage levels. As the federal law now stands, we may be unable to continue that practice."

Due to the required increase in services, to qualify as basic coverage, students should expect to see a jump in the cost of Lyndon's health care plan. Hamilton explained that this jump was inevitable unless amendments are made to the new health care law.

Since being signed in March 2010, the federal health care reform law has been challenged and taken to federal appeals courts in multiple states throughout the country. In 2011, the law was upheld as constitutional in several federal appeals courts; however, because the health care law requires that Americans be insured, this part of the law was deemed unconstitutional in one federal appeals court and has been taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

As of the fall 2011 semester, 11 percent of the LSC student populace was covered by the VSC insurance plan. The remainder of the student body will not be affected should costs increase, Hamilton explained.

A state-sponsored plan for students is another possibility that may be on the horizon for the VSC, as an alternative to the college health care plan.

"Until recently, there were no insurance options for some students who were not covered by their own or a parent's plan," said Hamilton. "As we move forward, we will evaluate whether it is in the best interest of students to offer coverage under a college plan or to allow students to obtain coverage under a state-sponsored plan."

Paula Chamberlin, administrative assistant of health and counseling, acknowledged that the VSC health insurance plan is expensive, but offers a good, basic college plan through the carrier, Consolidated Health Plans.

"It's a great plan for a college student that has this type of a facility on campus because the services we offer here are outstanding. You're not going to find that on a lot of campuses," said Chamberlin.

Chamberlin explained that there is no deductible that needs to be met and the plan covers a student if they travel overseas. Coverage is for the entire year, not just while a student is on campus. If someone is seen outside of the Brown House; however, they would need to fill out a claim form to receive coverage.

Daniel Haycock, a senior liberal studies major, voiced his concerns about the challenges associated with health care, in general, for young adults.

"The cost is ridiculous. It's so much money for crappy insurance. You're paying so much for insurance you need," said Haycock.

One of the conditions of the Affordable Care Act states that a parent's health plan can now carry a child until they are 26.

"While I do not have a great deal of personal experience with obtaining insurance since I am still on my parent's plan, I appreciate the fact that I am able to stay on my parent's plan until I am 26 years old," said Emma Shattuck, a senior global studies and social science major.



Photo by Danielle Drown

Poster encouraging student insurance policy in Brown House.

According to the government's health care website, "Children can join or remain on your plan even if they are: married, not living with you, attending school, not financially dependent on you, or eligible to enroll in their employer's plan."

"In terms of young adults, the Affordable Care Act is a winner," said social science professor, David Plazek, in an email response. "Young adults can now stay on their parent's health insurance

until they are 26. That, in itself, will dramatically cut the numbers of uninsured as 20-somethings are much more likely than other demographics to go without health insurance."

Vermont also offers state coverage to people who are not on their parent's, the VSC's, or their own plan. Green Mountain Care is a plan for Vermont residents and premiums are dependent on income and household size.

Public Safety Log

2/5 Whitelaw Marijuana and Alcohol- Gettin' twisted like soft serve, baby.

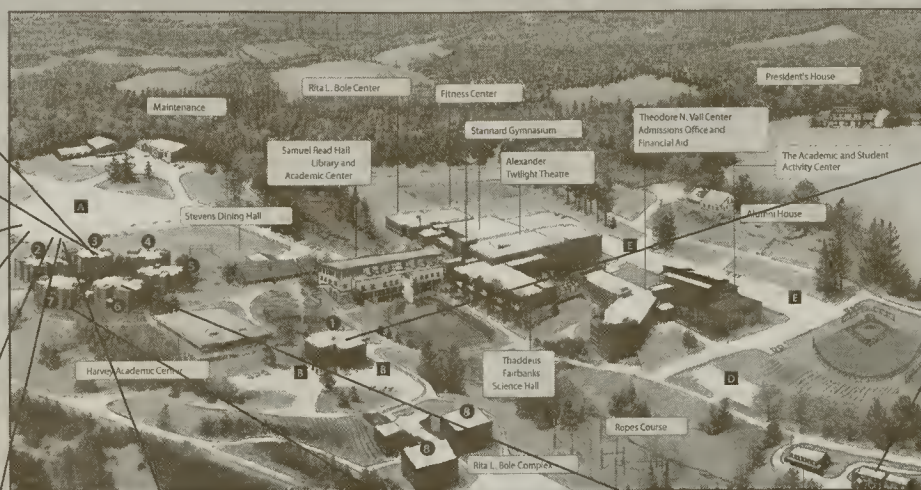
2/7 Whitelaw Verbal/Physical dispute- Come At me, Bro!

2/4 Stonehenge Parking Lot- Drunk Driving- I swear to drunk I'm not God!

2/9 Stonehenge parking lot Reckless driving- Highway to the Danger Zone!

2/4 Stonehenge Parking lot- Alcohol Policy Violation- I thought the keg was a great idea...

2/8 Stonehenge Parking lot Marijuana in vehicle- I'm so high. Whose car is this, anyways?



2/8 Stonehenge Parking lot Marijuana- We're not the only ones doing it! Look over there!

2/8 Poland underage drinking- I just look young.

2/4 Rodgers- Alcohol- It's only ping-pong!

2/7 Wheelock Underage Drinking- It used to be 18 you could enjoy a beer...

2/8 Gray House Marijuana- They should rename this place the Green House!

"No problems" Serving Alcohol at LSC

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

A cup of Bud Light? \$2. A small glass of Trout River Rainbow Red runs for \$3. Oh, and some wine spritzer? That will be \$2.

This selection and pricing was found at last Sunday's Super Bowl party in ASAC 100, offered by the Campus Activities Board. If you thought it was weird to buy a beer from the same person who makes your daily sandwich at the Stevens Dining Hall, think again.

"The reason why we have a lot of CAB programs is so that students come to our programs rather than partaking in other 'activities,'" said CAB Advisor Kayla Carlozzi. "Where it was the Super Bowl, and two very relevant teams, we decided that because alcohol is big for sporting events, maybe we could provide a cash bar for students on campus. That way, we provided a safe alternative to driving after the game," she said.

Serving and selling alcohol to students is common at many colleges across the country, especially for large events that attract upper-class students. The variety of alcohol sold at on-

campus events may be up to the caterer, but first, an application for a permit to serve has to be certified and approved by the state.

According to the Lyndon policy, licensed caterer Aramark must serve alcohol sold on campus by keg.

Jerry Cote, State Liquor Investigator for the town of Lyndonville, said that in the seven years he's been working for the Enforcement Department of the Vermont Department of Liquor Control, he has never had a problem with LSC.

"Aramark has a first class [liquor] license, which allows them to serve beer and wine on campus. They also have a third class [liquor license], which allows them to serve hard liquor. So far, I haven't had any issues with them," he said.

"Lyndonville trustees gave them a blanket approval form, so they don't have to get approval from the town to do events on campus outside the licensed area," Cote said.

Cote also added that Aramark is licensed to only regularly serve in the Stevens Dining Hall. If they want to serve in other locations on campus, they must still submit forms to his depart-

ment for approval—even though they don't have to inform the town.

"The form basically says who they are, the date, and that it cannot be served for more than five days in a row," he said. The decision of what to serve is made by Aramark, who works in conjunction with the requesting club, board or administrator.

Popularity, however, isn't as high as one may expect when it comes to buying alcohol on campus. Turnout for the Super Bowl event was much lower than expected.

"It didn't sell nearly as much as I thought," Kayla Carlozzi said. "We had about 120 students at the [Super Bowl] party, but only a small amount of them

could drink."

Aramark holds a great risk by serving alcohol to college students. If they serve a minor, a lot may be at stake—and it is not something they take lightly.

"There's a lot of fake ID's, so we've got to be careful," said Donna Baldwin, an Aramark employee and licensed bartender. "I've worked many events before where alcohol has been served, but this is my first time serving college students. I was a little skeptical at first, but it went alright in the end," she said.

Her co-worker, Molli Leonard, who is also a licensed bartender, agreed there were no problems and said she "enjoyed the evening."

No other events in which alcohol will be served on-campus are currently planned.



Photos by Tyler Dumont

Above: Aramark's Molly Leonard serves a mixed-drink to LSC's Ben Duplissis at the cash bar at last Sunday's CAB Super Bowl party in ASAC 100

Below: Leonard pours a beer from one of two kegs at CAB's Super Bowl party last Sunday in ASAC 100

Bottom: Warning signs are visible to students when they approach the cash bar.

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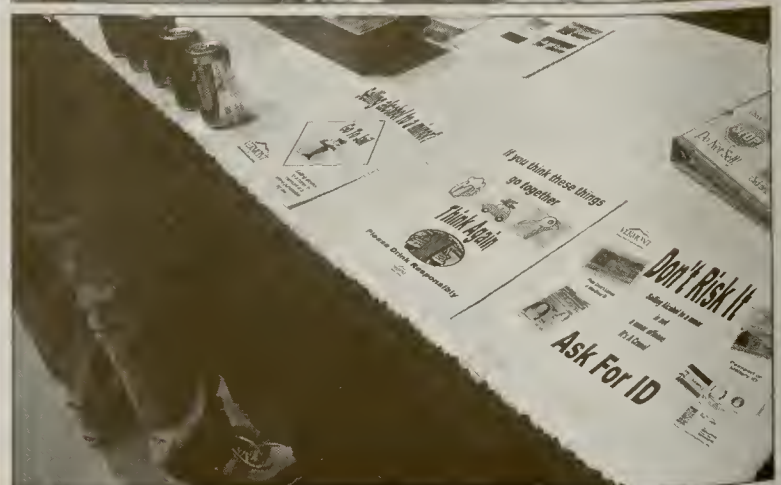
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Presidential Races Heat Up

Candidates battle it out at LSC and for the Republican Nomination

RJ Kauffman
Critic Correspondent

As the weeks count down for Republican candidates for the US presidency, the presidential race at Lyndon is heating up as well.

The candidates for the new president at Lyndon State College have been narrowed down to two: Joe

Bertolino and Michael Sonntag.

Bertolino currently is the Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, the Executive Assistant to the President, and Chair of the Department of Student Personnel at Queens College/City University of New York.

Sonntag is the Provost

and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Maine, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Maine School of Mathematics and Science.

While both candidates have had brilliant pasts, only one can win.

"Either candidate will be fitting for our new presi-

dent," says freshman, Emily Holton. "It will be exciting to see who our new president will be."

The Republican candidate race is also progressing. Candidate Mitt Romney leads the race so far, but the race is close.

The next couple of stops are in Nevada and Maine. The current feeling is that

Maine will pair up Romney against fellow Republican Ron Paul, while Nevada will be another battle between Mitt Romney and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Romney is the favorite to win both states and the favorite to be the Republican candidate for the Presidency.



File Photos
Dr. Michael Sonntag (L) and Dr. Joe Bertolino compete for the LSC presidency

Icy Roads Pose Hazard

Kexin Xie
Critic Correspondent

Icy roads in the Northeast Kingdom are affecting road trips by increasing accident rates and reducing driving speeds.

Consistent snowy and cold days are making the roads more and more dangerous to drive on. On Friday and Saturday nights, when students go out to have fun with loud music playing in the car, the situation becomes more serious because there is

less focus on driving. For those students who do not have cars to drive and need to walk all the way downtown, their safety is also at risk.

"It would take me an extra hour to drive here," said Ryan Clark, who sometimes drives himself from Connecticut to visit his friend in Lyndon. "The road condition could get really bad." Leaving this Wednesday, another four and a half hour drive is awaiting him.

As for those students who

often walk downtown themselves, walking along the roads has become one of the hardest things in winter. Slippery and icy pavement make it easier to fall, and make it harder for cars to change lanes to avoid pedestrians.

To be safe, it is important for drivers to control their speeds while driving and to invest in winter tires. It also requires more attention to drive especially at night when visual distance has been reduced.



Photo by Sierra Willenburg

A plow truck cautiously drives down an icy road.

Leadership Conference at LSC

Michael Fisher
Critic Correspondent

You can't be a leader without "pissing someone off."

"You're always going to have to piss someone off, and you're going to have to be okay with that," said meteorologist Adam Joseph,

keynote speaker at the Leadership Conference this past Saturday.

The conference consisted of people from Johnson State College, Sterlington, and Lyndon State College. Joseph spoke for an hour in the beginning to get the audience's mind think about how to be a

leader. From that point on the audience learned and spoke about what it is like to be a leader.

"Being a leader means that you have on or off switch," said Matt Leblanc. That means once you become a leader you will always be looked at as a role model.

Two Players Reach 1,000 Point Club

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Four years ago, Ben Sackett and Naomi White came to Lyndon State College to hoping make the team and play basketball.

Head coach John Krupinski has coached Sackett the entire time. Krupinski says Sackett has been a big help to the teams he's coached over the past few years.

"It's always nice to have those guys like Ben," said Krupinski. "Ben's been consistent over these past four years and he's been a big part of the team."

Sackett is a local product, who was born and raised right

here in Lyndonville. Once he was done with high school, he didn't have to far to go, as he chose Lyndon State College.

Coach Krupinski had high regards for Sackett, and he believes he will be remembered for his basketball success.

Sackett is shooting 37 percent from the field this year, while averaging 30 minutes a game. Sackett's game is pretty well rounded, but part of it in particular sticks out above all the rest.

"Ben Sackett has been one of the best, if not the best, shooters in Lyndon State College history," said Krupinski.

"He's also worked really

hard to improve other parts of his game. He's taken on a leadership role and shown the young guys what it takes to be on a college team and play a full season."

Sackett has been very successful over his career at Lyndon. Just last week Sackett scored his 1,000th point in his Lyndon State College basketball career.

Although Coach Krupinski said he was focused on the game, he said he was glad to see Ben achieve such a great accomplishment.

"It was a really nice moment for Ben," said Krupinski. "I was glad to see such a hard working guy hit this milestone."

Sackett and the entire men's basketball team are hopeful that the team can continue their current success and carry the momentum into the playoffs.

White's Journey

Naomi White boasts many of the same qualities as Sackett did. She has been a very efficient outside shooter who can score in droves.

Things have not changed for White over her four years here at LSC. The senior is averaging nearly 12 points per game, shooting over 30 percent from beyond the arc.

She has also been on a rampage lately, scoring 20 points in two of her last three games. In fact, White was able to cash in the first eight points of the Lady Hornet's game against Johnson State College, forever entrenching in the 1,000 point club.



Some of Sackett's points came the hard way.



Photos by Eric Blaisdell

Sackett's forte has always been three-point shooting.



Naomi White was the other member of LSC's 1,000 point club.

Once Great, Boxing is a Dying Sport

Peter Nute
Critic Columnist

There was a time, really not so long ago, where boxing was the ultimate sport - the ultimate trade between two bloodthirsty individuals. It was the sport for the toughest and most prideful of men, where two fighters were not afraid to step between the ropes and put it all on the line to see who the best was.

Here we are, 31 years after Muhammed Ali was defeated by Trevor Berbick and hung up the gloves for good. Why did Ali fight having already secured his spot in history? Pride.

It has been 15 years since 40 year old Sugar Ray Leonard, already eligible for the Hall of Fame, came out of retirement to fight Hector Camacho. Leonard, who at the time had a record of

36-2-1, suffered the only knock-out of his career. Why did Leonard fight after already securing his spot as a legend of the sport? Pride.

It has been 15 years since Holyfield - Tyson II, The Sound and the Fury, where Mike Tyson took a bite out of each of Evander Holyfield's ears. Why did Tyson take a bite out of Holyfield? He was pissed off, a little crazy, and possibly a little hungry. Why did he do it? Because he cared. Because he hated losing. It made him irrational and spiteful. And he was, and remains, bat shit insane.

Good, bad, or downright disturbing, boxing was THE sport for many years. Boxing was the equivalent to seeing gladiators duel in the coliseums. Fights were shown on cable television; fights were discussed at length in bars, around water coolers,

and in homes. Now, you're hard-pressed to find a single person interested, willing to discuss, or analyze this once great sport.

There are thousands of reasons why boxing has taken a proverbial beating over the years. Quality fights are now on Pay Per View as opposed to CBS, NBC and ABC, and increasingly greedy promoters gobble this up by charging over \$50 to see a fight. Dominant fighters and dominant personalities, like the Ali's, Leonard's, Mancini's, and Tyson's are absent. And, of course, what some may call the final death blow to boxing: the rise of MMA.

But there is one fight that could reel wandering eyes back to the ring, and that's the same fight that will NEVER happen: Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao - two of the best fighters in the sport right now.

Why won't it happen? Because neither of these men have any sort of pride in their trade. The fighters and their promoters are more concerned with the spilt (50/50 vs. 51/49) than a shot at greatness (apparently \$30 million - the amount each fighter could potentially make by taking this fight - just isn't enough anymore). Neither of these men wants to lose. One is afraid of ruining his perfect record and would rather face scrub after scrub that he can bob and weave around for twelve rounds and win by decision. The other has refused to take a blood test 30 days before the fight for reasons that are concerning, but ultimately unknown. The proposed May 5 fight between Mayweather and Pacquiao was ruined by a mix of what Pacquiao's promoters called economic issues with the venue, and May-

weather's greed when it came to the split.

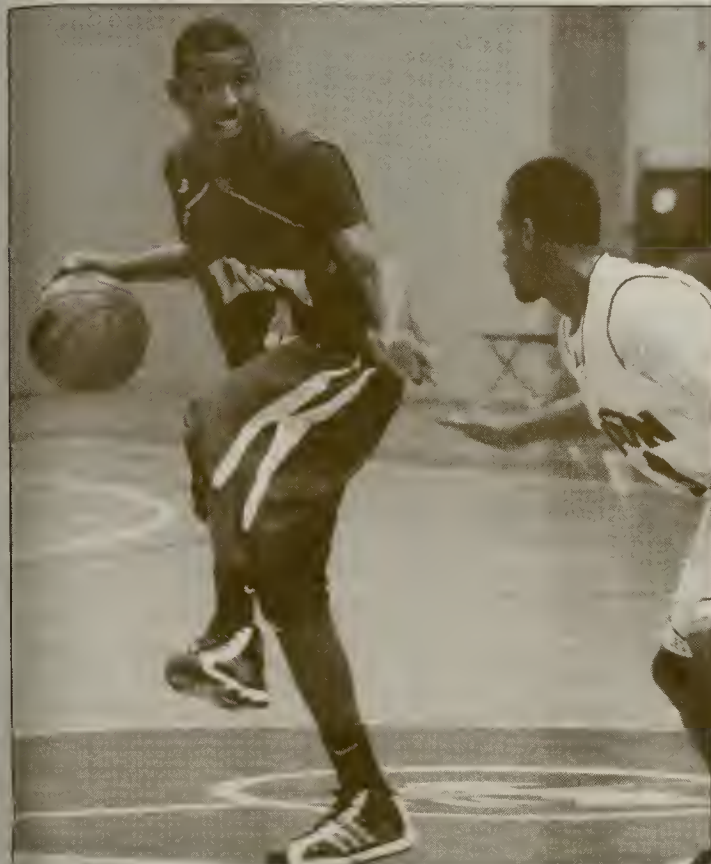
There is a term for this: chicken shit. Football players play football, and they bleed, ache and blow out knees for the chance to be the best on Sunday. Basketball players play basketball. They bounce and bang into each other and can barely walk by the time they are 50 because they want to be considered the best after a 48-minute game. Baseball players play baseball. They take baseballs off their ribs and throw out their arms for 162 games a season because they want to play in October.

And fighters fight. When the bell rings they want their hand raised in the air, recognition that they are, for that moment, the best.

Yes, fighters fight. Except in boxing.

The Revolving Door

The LSC Men's Basketball Team is in a Constant Struggle to Keep It's Freshmen



File Photos

Above: Former LSC player Phil Warrick is just one of many freshmen players to not return.
Right: Antonio Mena, another former LSC player, left the school for financial reasons.

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Every year is a rebuilding year for the Lyndon State College men's basketball team.

Between the 2008-09 and 2010-11 seasons, the team has had 25 freshmen, according to the North Atlantic Conference website. Six of them came back to play their sophomore year.

This year was particularly bad as the school had ten freshmen on the team the previous season and none of them returned, including NAC rookie of the year Phil Warrick. In fact, the team had only two players come back from last year's entire roster.

There are currently eight freshmen on the team now, but it is anyone's guess how many of them will be suiting up for the 2012-2013 season.

"The reason I left LSC was because it was a little expensive and I was living off campus and I didn't think it was going to be good for me," said former LSC basketball player Antonio Mena in a phone interview. "I just couldn't afford it and it was a little far from home."

There are many reasons, besides money, why players leave. Sometimes they do not like the area or the weather or they transfer to a different school closer to home. Even if Mena, from Central Falls, RI, could have afforded it, staying at LSC for four years was not in his plans.

"When I went to LSC I was thinking about going for two years and then transferring to a better school for basketball, but my plans didn't work out," said Mena,

who now attends the Community College of Rhode Island and is taking general courses without playing basketball. He sees how students who are not from around the area may find it difficult to stick around the Northeast Kingdom.

"It's mainly because it is far from home for the other players that come from different states," said Mena. "They are city kids and in Vermont all you see is trees and stuff like that. There is nothing around."

Asa Smith is a current freshman LSC basketball player from Cheltenham, Md. who does not mind the rural atmosphere of Lyndonville. He likes the calm, peaceful environment of Vermont.

"People who might think it's boring don't make the most out of it," said Smith, who went on to talk about those who come to LSC and think it is boring. "I feel that those guys just aren't taking advantage of the opportunity of making Lyndonville as much fun as it could be."

While he enjoys the atmosphere and plans on staying all four years, he has not ruled out playing somewhere else.

"Don't get me wrong, if I get an opportunity to play somewhere for a cheaper price or for a full ride I'm definitely taking it," said Smith. "If it comes to where I can go to school for a cheaper price I would strongly consider it."

NCAA Division III schools, like LSC, cannot offer scholarships to athletes. This makes it difficult for out-of-state players to stay at LSC.

The two players who did come back this year, Jason Gray from Thetford, Vt. and Ben Sackett from Lyndonville, are familiar with the trees and location. But



the solution of keeping players is not as simple as going after more in-state students.

"In Vermont, just with the population, the amount of players is not as great as they are in other areas so if we can get a great local player we'd love to do that," said head coach Joe Krupinski. "It's just finding them."

The problem is more than just the scarcity of local players.

"A lot of kids from Vermont want to leave Vermont for the same reason kids from Maryland come up here," he said. "They want to try something different."

Krupinski focuses on certain areas searching for those players who want something different.

"When I first got here we really focused on the Springfield (Mass.)/Boston area and a couple urban areas in the northeast," he said. "We're still focusing on those areas, but it's changed. The D.C. area is our new spot that we've been focusing on."

There are currently eight freshmen

on the team.

To try to keep the players he recruits, Krupinski checks with their professors, holds study halls, and has exit interviews at the end of the season to see what the player's plans are. He says, for the most part, he knows when a guy is not coming back, but there have been surprises. Like this year.

"It seemed like every time you turned around something else was going on," said Krupinski about losing players for various reasons. "This has been the most challenging I've ever seen in my years coaching (at LSC). I don't intend to be in this situation again where we have 10 or 11 guys, period."

Even though this year highlighted the team's struggles with preserving its players, Krupinski does not see anything wrong with his recruitment system.

"We're going to recruit the same amount of players we've been recruiting and try to get the best guys we can get wherever they're from," he said. "We just might need to get a few more of them."



Photo by Adam Brothers

Hole 13 of the frisbee golf course here at LSC, although show covered, still gets used all through the winter.

Frisbee Golf? It's Snow Problem!

Adam Brothers
Photo Editor

Even with the cold and snow of winter, you can still see discs flying on the disc golf course.

Contrary to the biggest disincentive for disc golfers to play in winter, which is the possibility of losing a disc under the snow, with little snowfall and such cold temperatures the snow throughout campus is hard, icy, and fast. So, discs are staying above the snow, creating great disc golfing circumstances.

Bill Spaulding, a ski resort major and skilled disc golfer, has been playing the snow covered course. "It was certainly fun to be doing a warm time activity when many people would never think about going out and doing it," he told.

LSC student, Scott Savage, has also been playing disc golf despite the snow, with great success. "The snow's not the best for riding but it's spot on for throwing discs," he said.

When the light, fluffy powder does come, discs will easily be lost under the snow, but there is a trick to keeping track of discs in the deep snow. Take the lightest and brightest ribbon you can find, cut it to about three or four feet in length. Then, adhere the ribbon directly in the middle of the disc. If it is not attached exactly in the middle, the disc will not fly correctly. Precision is very important here. If the ribbon is light and properly fastened the disc will fly unaffected and, upon landing, the disc will sink under the snow and the ribbon will remain above the surface for you to locate and play on. As of present conditions though, the ribbons are not necessary.

Occasionally, if a disc flips upside down in flight or on a bounce, it will land and slide like a saucer down the icy, sloped course, not necessarily where you want it to go. So keep your discs level in flight and away from steep slopes, or you may find yourself far off from your original intention.

Or, in some parts of the course you can take advantage of the course's slippery slopes. It's a matter of curving the disc upside-down onto a place on the sloped fairway so that it can slide on its topside to the hole. (This worked best on hole 13, driving from atop president's hill) "It's super fun to get the discs to slide on top of the snow," Spaulding said, pleased with the unique new opportunity.

Grady Hunihan is also satisfied with winter disc golfing. "I almost like playing in the snow better. I haven't played in a while but it always seem to work like that...I don't play for months, then I play one round and it's the best round I've ever thrown."

If walking through snow doesn't sound like your particular cup of tea, wear snowshoes or cross-country skis to make the round more swift and navigable, but whatever you do, don't play with white discs!

Ryan's Review: "Miley High" by Super Mash Bros

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

In this age of digital media and distribution we've seen a lot of new music styles emerge out of the woodwork. One of the most buzz worthy genres to pop onto the scene, especially in the past few years, would be the Mash-up genre. In this world, in my opinion, the 3 big artists to watch are Girl Talk, who is a legend of the genre; Team Teamwork, from Boston who does wonders with video game soundtracks and rap tracks; and Super Mash Bros.

For fans of the duo from LA, this latest venture does not disappoint, in fact these guys do some of the most unique mashing I've listened to. Is this necessarily the same type of mash up artistry brought forth by an artist like Girl Talk or Team Teamwork? Not at all, it's really clear that Nick and Ethan are set out to simply create just the best party jams for the masses, and they very much succeed at what they do. Not in a million years would I think to hear Lil' Wayne and Daft Punk on one track, but lo and behold it's right there on the first track.

This being their third effort, you can see how long of a way they've come since their first album, 2008's F**k B**es, Get Euros. In Get Euros the songs featured were simply mixed together, they were fun and impressive but got really bland after a listen or two. This is the stigma of mash ups; you can have a really fantastic mix of songs, but when they're separated to stand alone tracks that are supposed to flow together it just becomes boring after a few listens. This is actually the case with most mash up albums, they're simply novelty, and this album sort of wears you down after a listen or two. It kind of goes like this, you listen to the album and you hear all the great samples, songs, and things you love. Then the next listen through you start to hear the more subtle things. Finally when you hear everything it's like owning a completed puzzle book, you can keep it to show everyone you know what's in it, but what's the point? Not to mention there are songs used in this album that they've used before in previous albums; which is fine and all but it gets older faster.

With that being said there still is plenty of fun in this album and some really interesting song choices that flow really well together. Some of my favorites have to include the mash up of "Dani California" and "Ice Cream Paint Job", the Rugrat's theme song and "Kick, Push" by Lupe Fiasco, Phil Collins and the Ying Yang Twins (which is pretty hysterical), and finally the kicker at the end of the album "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Look at Me Now" getting the mash up treatment as somewhat of a bonus track. I almost forgot to mention Sleigh Bells and Solja Boy's "Turn my Swag on" make perfect companions for each other on this album as well.

Over all this album is what it is: something silly and fun to dance to. What you get is a 53 minute long DJ set for free and it's just a good time. The quality of the mash ups are top notch, they just tend to lose their novelty after a while and end up as used up hard drive space after a while. That shouldn't stop you from downloading this album though, it is free and who doesn't like fun stuff that's free?

Earl Freed.

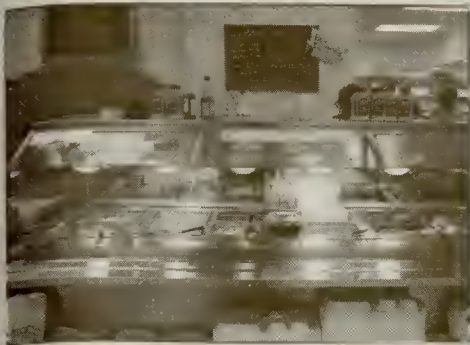
If you're a fan of LA based rap group Odd Future then you most likely know about the enigma that is Earl Sweatshirt. For those of you who do not know, Earl is one of the strongest new rappers in the game, and only at age 17. His lyrics are dark and twisted with a heaping helping of dark humor. Well 18 months ago he was sent to Samoa to a reform camp by his mother after she heard the

music he was making with Odd Future. For those 18 months he didn't release or say anything, he was completely cut off; until now. Yesterday, not only was it confirmed that Earl was back in the US, he also released a new single, launched a twitter account and a tumblr. The new single is appropriately called "Home" and can be listened to at <http://terrtlefer.com/>. I cannot recommend enough that you listen to this.



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Options for the Hungry College Student



Photos by Heather Cobb
Food can be had for cheap at White's Market.

Heather Cobb Critic Correspondent

If you wait until 7 p.m. to eat you can pick up cheaply priced meals from the hot unit at White's Markets.

The meals offered in the hot unit rotate daily, with a few items that are popular repeating more frequently than others. The price for meals from the hot unit are \$5.49 per pound, but get reduced at the end of the night to \$1.99 per pound.

The fresh made deli sandwiches also

get reduced; after three days each sandwich will be reduced to \$1.50. Desserts get marked down on the fifth day, prices varying depending on the original price of the remaining desserts. Salads from the deli salad case also get marked down each morning to \$1.99 per pound.

When questioned about the people normally purchasing reduced food and hot unit food Lynnett Montgomery, a worker at the Plaza deli, responded that, "Most shoppers at least stop and look" and that the reduced items, "usually sell".

As of late summer 2011, White's Mar-

ket Plaza in Lyndonville has been remodeled. New features include changes to the deli and dining area. As always coffee, sandwiches, and hot meals are still available near the deli, but the store have been equipped with a salad bar and pizza station.

The new pizzas are mostly bought on Friday and Saturday nights, according to Montgomery.

The Pizza oven has been a big hit in the store; people enjoy the brick oven pizza not only because of its taste, but also for its great price: \$9.99 for a 16"

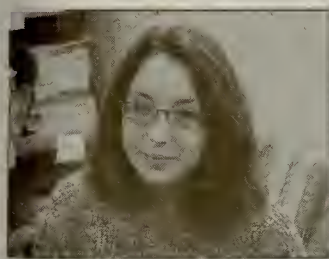
cheese pizza, \$10.99 for a pepperoni pizza, "specialty pizzas" \$13.99-\$14.99 depending on the pizza ordered, and additional toppings \$1.25 each.

The hot unit and salad bar close at 7 p.m. every night and the pizza oven is turned off by 8 p.m.; any food from the hot unit that is left over will be marked down and remaining pizza in the pizza warmer will be thrown away.

More information and phone numbers can be found online at whitesmarket.com.

Fit with Forester:

A Push Toward Summer



Morgan Forester
Web Editor

According to the groundhog we will have another six weeks of winter, I am boycotting. I am beyond ready for summer or at least some warm weather and colors other than grey and white. It looks like spring won't be too far off, though. We have had some pretty sunny days and even some warm ones, at least warm by Vermont standards. If you are just as anxious as I am for summer here are a few things to help you through the last bit of winter.

Exercise of the Week: T-Stand Push-Ups

These are like regular push-ups but with an added bonus.

Get down into push-up position. Make sure you are maintaining good posture and alignment, abs tight making your body into a straight line from your head down to your feet. Lower yourself until your arms form a ninety-degree angle. Raise yourself back up to push-up position. Raise yourself to side-plank and then raise the arm you're not resting your weight on into the air to form a laying down "T" with your body. Return for another push-up and follow previous directions for the opposite side plank.

Recipe of the Week: On-the-Go Burger Wrap

Ingredients-
1 burger patty (Beef, Turkey, or Veggie)

- 1 tortilla or sandwich wrap
- 2 slices of your favorite cheese

You can also add condiments and veggies to this as you like.

Directions

Use your George Forman to cook the burger patty. When it is cooked to your liking (and make sure you are cooking it well so you don't give yourself food poisoning) set the patty on a separate plate while you let the grill cool off a little. While this is cooling cut your burger patty in half and arrange this with the cheese and whatever other condiments you would like one the tortilla or wrap. If there is any grease on the grill from cooking your burger clean that off before grilling your wrap. Fold up your wrap I suggest folding in the ends before folding the longer sides in. Grill the wrap so that it browns just slightly. This will melt the cheese and press the wrap into place so nothing falls apart on-the-go.

Activity of the Week: Indoor garden

It's dull and grey out so make spring come a little early to your room. You can purchase a seed starter kit at Dollar General for just a couple bucks. It is like having a contained greenhouse for your seedlings. You will also need moist soil, enough to fill as many planter cups as you plan to use. Depending on the seeds you are planting some may need their individual cups while others may be planted together. Following the directions on the back of the seed packets plant your seeds. Keep the soil damp as your seeds grow but make sure you are following the planting and growing directions for your seeds for the best turn out. Soon you'll have a miniature garden in your room to break up the dull gloom outside.

Dana Dishes:

Best and Worst Super Bowl foods

Dana Berlin Entertainment Editor

As the commotion of the Super Bowl winds down and Pats fans (myself included) try to forget one of the worst losses in recent history, I want to take a look back at some of the best and worst foods I had during the game.

No doubt it's a shame the Patriots could not pull out their fourth Super Bowl, but it's an even worse shame to show up to a Super Bowl party empty handed. The people who show up to Super Bowl parties with no food are like the people who bum rides and don't pitch in for gas money, or the people who ask for a sip of your drink and finish the whole glass.

What I noticed during this last Super Bowl was a lot of people showing up with nothing, and a core set of people bringing a lot. Some of the best foods I saw during this Super Bowl were the classic cheese

and pepperoni pizza, chips and dip, and mac & cheese.

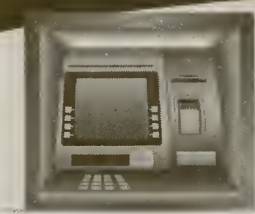
You cannot go wrong with any sort of pizza; it is usually the first thing gone off the table. Chips with any sort of dip are a good second choice, and mac & cheese can never be a bad choice.

Some unusual and risky choices I saw for the Super Bowl were soup, vegetables, fruit, and low fat desserts. Don't get me wrong, all these things are good foods, but they are not the first choices I would come up with.

The Super Bowl is one of the times people don't care about diets, weight or what goes into their mouths. So, for people to put out fruits, veggies and low fat desserts, it's a slap in the face.

The long and short of Super Bowl party foods are this: High fat, tasty foods are a plus, while low fat, healthy foods are a bust. Take my advice and you will always have a well-attended Super Bowl party.

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Bringing Spring to McGoff Hill

Shera Howe
Critic Correspondant

On a sunny day, the temperature inside the greenhouse on the McGoff Hill property, owned by the school, is warm enough to make those who enter remove their coats.

As drips of condensation rained down from the ceiling, Sustainability Club president Chris Mullen worked on the pipes and water containers being used

for the water catch. The spinach, radishes, and kale growing within the greenhouse died not because of temperature, but due to lack of water. Although the family living in the nearby house is friendly, there is no way to use the hose from their house in winter.

The Sustainability Club, formerly known as Students for Campus Conservation, built the greenhouse from a frame provided by a campus professor as well as plastic designed for greenhouse use.

Much of the structure was formed of found materials to reduce environmental impact.

In spite of some issues with a transition in management and fluctuating membership over the course of the past year, the club now has its own office in the science wing. Maintaining and upgrading the greenhouse is the most important venture at the moment. Later in the spring, the club will be able to work

on the 100 x 100 foot plot nearby and work with the garlic planted outside to germinate through the winter months.

Mullen is hopeful for the future of the project.

"The more steps we take toward self-sustainability, the closer we get toward achieving campus-wide carbon neutrality," says Mullen.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the science wing room, S-123.

Aramark to Host Free Community Meal

Jesilyn Amsden
Critic Correspondant

More and more individuals these days are finding it difficult to afford the recommended three meals a day.

The main problems involve available transportation and the increasing day-to-day costs households face.

Adam Vigue, Food Service Director for Aramark, is lending a helping hand to be a part of the solution. Aramark staff and families are partnering with a St.

Johnsbury organization Faith in Action to provide free community meals in surrounding towns.

Al, an Aramark staff member, saw the need in Lyndonville after gaining knowledge of how involved the Faith in Action organization is in St. Johnsbury. When he brought it up to others there was nothing but support and plans were set into motion.

Food will be prepared at Stevens Dining Hall on campus and then transported for the dinner. They anticipate up

to 100 or more in attendance as this event develops. There is also a hope to offer those that cannot attend a To-Go option for the dinners provided.

The goal is to eventually be able to offer daily meals in multiple locations. For now the organization is focused on providing a meal on a rotating schedule once a week in Barton, Lyndonville, Sheffield, and West Burke.

To accomplish this goal a large volunteer presence is needed. Community members and Aramark have gotten in-

involved and now they are asking for interested students or college staff to volunteer a few hours of their time.

Support is welcomed for many tasks including on campus food preparation, transportation of food, serving at the dinner, and clean up. The first scheduled dinner is this Friday from 5-7 p.m. in Barton. Everyone is encouraged to attend, socialize, and enjoy the meal.

For more information call or come by the Stevens Dining hall on the Lyndon State College campus. 802.626.6266

Meet Mr. Lyndon



Above: Mr. Lyndon winner Jianchuan 'Jason' Zheng.

Below: Second place winner Craig Olson (L) and third place winner Jake Machell (R).



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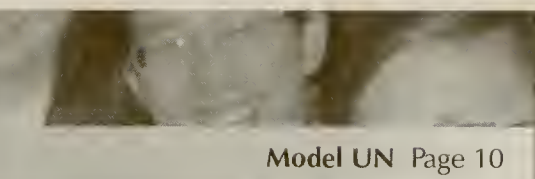
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"HIGH" STATISTICS LACKING AT LYNDON

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

The use of marijuana on the campus of Lyndon State College is not any different than other collegiate level institutions – it happens. According to annual crime statistics released by Lyndon Public Safety, there is usually one arrest each year made by police surrounding a drug abuse violation. Additional data reflects the disciplinary actions – where students are “written up” and face various consequences – taken between 2008 and 2010. In 2010, 53 students faced disciplinary action for drug abuse violations – thirteen more than the previous year.

While the number of incidents is provided in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act,

The Critic has recently learned that there is no recorded data of any kind reflecting the amount of marijuana confiscated on campus. For example, when a student is caught in possession of the drug, they are “written up” for breaking the drug abuse policy.

However, there is no documentation of how much marijuana the individual was possessing recorded by Public Safety – or the Vermont State Police. Although all confiscated substances are placed into a secured locker after being confiscated, they are never weighed individually or in total to confirm an amount before being turned over to the state for destruction. The only thing recorded is the number of incidents in which a student is found in possession.

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NO MORE BAGEL DEPOT OR BELGIAN WAFFLES



Photo by Tyler Dumont

Sources have told the Critic that the Belgian waffle maker will not be replaced or repaired by Aramark and the relationship between LSC's dining services and the Bagel Depot has been severed, as packaged bagels have appeared over the past week.

TRADING PENCILS FOR PAINTBRUSHES



LSC students volunteer at a home in Waterbury.

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Editor

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VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT REVAMPS DEGREES

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

Lyndon State's Visual Arts department is putting LSC on the map.

"The Visual Arts department is in the process of transitioning from having graphic design and new media majors being separate, to being one major," said Nicholas Montgomery, a senior graphic design and new media major. "As far as we know right now, we're going to be the only college in the country doing this.

None of the really big art schools are even doing this, so this is really progressive."

Philip Parisi, Department Chair for the Visual Arts, confirmed the belief that Lyndon is the only college with this type of program, but added they are looking at schools across the country to be sure.

"I'm believing that we're the only one, but I don't know that for a fact," said Parisi. "There's been a lot of talk of how they teach these two very specific dis-

ciplines as one, and I think we've nailed it."

The process to combine the majors began in 2010 and the changing industry was a driving force behind the new programs.

"We've been seeing a lot of very contemporary, entry level job descriptions and what we realized, two years ago, is that the students, if they're in New Media, really need to be in Graphic Design as well, and vice versa," said Parisi.

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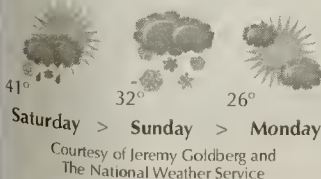
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The Prison Boom: Cashing in on "Crime"

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

It's not often that the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont makes national news, but it happened last month. The story broke on February 21 and spread like wildfire. The Associated Press picked it up and distributed to news organization throughout the country.

Thanks to the alertness of the men and women that guard our nation's northern border, nearly two dozen containers containing alcoholic beverages and some marijuana that, in the wrong hands, could have been wrapped in cigarette papers and smoked in the form of joints, were seized and either destroyed or consumed by government agents. If you don't know how dangerous this is, you should watch the film "Reefer Madness" produced at taxpayer expense many decades ago. And, oh yes, one of those 30 hapless students had a single Ecstasy tablet.

Apparently the 30 Boston university students now facing charges did not know that you give up your Constitutional rights when you cross borders.

Of course your right "to be secure...against unreasonable searches and seizures" doesn't protect you if you can be tricked or intimidated into giving up that right. Suppose you are stopped on a public thoroughfare for a real or imagined violation. Let's say you were observed nodding your head while driving. Aha! Perhaps you are under the influence of something. Since we're imagining things, let's also imagine that you have a really dark complexion. Not

that police single out African Americans for traffic stops. It's just a coincidence that prisons are filled with black young men.

Once you obediently pull over and present your license, registration, and proof of insurance, the officer asks your consent to look in the bag that you have sitting on the passenger seat. Your consent, of course is completely voluntary. You're not intimidated at all by the officer's Glock or Taser or, of course, the fact that he can charge you with any number of offenses and it will be your word against his in court. You wouldn't want to be viewed as uncooperative and you don't see yourself as a criminal.

Amazingly, our prisons are filled with individuals who were convicted of crimes only because they voluntarily gave up their rights. Do you think that Martha Stewart was sent to prison because of some diabolical insider trading conspiracy. Not at all. When questioned by the Feds, instead of standing on her 5th Amendment right against self incrimination, she tried to talk her way out of the situation. The result was a conviction for fibbing to the Feds.

Just a few days before the Feds had their big score on the border, a rookie part-time cop in St. Johnsbury got credit for a major drug bust in town. Stopped for an alleged traffic violation, a local drug lord was unmasked by a drug-sniffing dog.

Oops sorry, there was no dog, just a drug-sniffing police officer. The alleged felon had secreted away nearly three ounces of cannabis sativa in several sealed plastic bags. He probably felt secure having not the slightest clue as to awesome olfactory

powers of today's crime fighters.

But the officer sniffed him out. She called for back-up, searched the vehicle and found, not only the malodorous contraband, but some cocaine as well. Newspaper reports carried a police photograph of the goods as well as an unloaded .380 caliber pistol. It's not clear why the pistol was included in the photograph. Perhaps the rookie officer was not aware that Vermont law permits the carrying of handguns?

What news media neglected to report in these two recent cases was the enormous expense borne by taxpayers to take a few grams of cocaine, a few ounces of marijuana, and an Ecstasy pill out of circulation. And then there are those cans of beer that 27 BU students would not consume.

Few living Americans lived through Prohibition, but can't we learn from history? Al Capone and Eliot Ness, his government nemesis, are long gone, but their legacy lives on. As we struggle through the worst economic downturn since the Depression, our biggest growth industry is corrections. Our prisons are increasingly changing from necessary elements to protect the public to huge profit centers to enrich corporations in the new private prison industry.

Luxury hotels depend on economic growth to generate the wealth that brings them well-heeled business and vacation travelers. Not only that, they need effective marketing, attractive image, and superb customer service to attract and keep repeat customers.

Private prisons, on the other hand, need only politi-

cians to define and create crimes, and law enforcement policies to turn newly defined crimes into new clients for costly prison housing. If a politician opposes all this, he will be called "soft on crime" and is likely to be deposed at the next election. Laws that authorize the confiscation of homes and vehicles that bear some connection, however tenuous, to a drug bust create a cash incentive for the vigorous enforcement of laws that were initially enacted by racist legislators. You didn't know that?

Marijuana was legal until it was identified with Mexican immigrants. Later association with black musicians added fuel to the fire.

Decades later, prisons are filled with drug offenders and the vast majority are black males. Maybe you're thinking of Crips, Bloods and drive-by shootings. Sorry, statistics show that black and brown people are less likely to be found with contraband when searched. The catch is that black and brown people are much more likely to be stopped and searched than those of paler hue. Not only that, but prosecutors are much more likely to throw the book at darker complected offenders.

What the drug war has done has transformed millions of Americans into criminals, made police into objects of fear rather than trust, and placed a crushing financial burden on the rest of us. Meanwhile, the drug lords continue to operate, rarely serve time in prison, and contribute to a breakdown in law and order south of the Rio Grande. And as always, the people pay the price.

It Is Time For Student Suffrage

John Kleinhans
Critic staff

This upcoming Tuesday each town in the state of Vermont will hold its annual Town Meeting Day where residents will vote on a number of pressing issues affecting their surrounding communities.

Thousands of Vermonters will spend the day sitting in their local schools or municipal buildings approving town budgets, discussing town expenditures and even vote upon United States constitutional amendments.

This is pure democracy in action and is fairly uncommon in the day that we live in. Every student has an opportunity to attend these town meetings in your respective areas. Each of our residential students has the unique chance to participate in the town meeting right here in Lyndonville due to a law that al-

lows college students to register to vote out of their college dorm.

As most of you know, I'm a numbers guy. I enjoy crunching the political numbers to see what type of solution we can come up with. There are roughly 5,500 residents in the town of Lyndon. At a typical town meeting day, there are 300 residents in attendance. At Lyndon State College there are roughly 750 students who live on campus and about 300 students who currently live in town. So, in theory, we could wind up being the majority and essentially take over the town. My friend and former Critic editor Sam Monroe wrote a piece on this last year about the same time detailing that if we wind up registering students to vote, that we could in fact hold elected office and put our input into issues that affect you and me every day.

Last week I dug pretty deep into the student body about the lack of commitment and huge level of apathy that most students delivered towards our fight for lower tuition. This opportunity is right at the bottom of the hill. I currently sit on the Developmental Review Board in Lyndonville, and it has been an incredible opportunity so far. As a member of this board, I was able to vote on expansion of businesses and sign ordinances

that can change the shape of the community that we live in.

Let me state it simply; get involved in your community. This upcoming Tuesday at Lyndon Town School, you can at least come watch the process and go from there to get involved in local government. I would urge every single student at Lyndon to attend the Town Meeting at 9am, and I promise you that you will not be disappointed.

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'Volunteers' (cont. from page 1)



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Above: LSC volunteers got dirty painting a home in Waterbury.

Below: The construction is underway after tropical storm Irene damaged homes in Waterbury.



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Seven students spent all week working in Waterbury and a few more showed up to help when they could.

"Most of it revolved around helping people with finishing touches on their house," Haas said. "They have most of the actual buildings rebuilt. It was mostly interior work."

That work included painting, cleaning, plastering, flooring, moving furniture, and other jobs people needed done.

"There is still plenty left to do," she said. "Even though a lot of houses are rebuilt and it looks okay on the outside, a lot of the inside of buildings still looks like there was five feet of flood water. There are still a lot of people who just don't have the money or can't afford to rebuild."

The students that wanted to stay all week did not have to worry about shelter themselves, as there were host families that provided housing.

'Statistics' (cont. from page 1)

"Usually, when we are called in to pick it up, it's not significant amounts," said Lieutenant Mike Henry of the Vermont State Police Barracks in Saint Johnsbury. "The school holds onto the drugs until the end of the semester, unless it is a substantial situation in which they call us. Nothing is weighed or documented, and sometimes an officer will just destroy it on location if it isn't a significant amount," he said.

Lyndon Director of Public Safety, George Hacking, a 29-year retired State Police Officer, said that while drug use is expected at all colleges, it is not something he takes lightly.

"Many problems we have are usually associated with drugs and alcohol," he said. "Almost all violations and destruction of property involve them. Some [people] have a very high level of tolerance to deal with it, I do not," he said.

Hacking also noted that Public Safety's responsibilities go much further than busting students. They are also responsible for securing locations and "doing rounds" to check up on routine maintenance areas.

"It all depends on what we have time to do. We could find it every night if we had the staff, but we don't - we have a lot of other things we are also responsible for. But, we do look for things that draw attention," he said.

As the person who reviews all campus incident reports, Hacking also said that there is usually one instance of "dealing" large amounts of drugs on campus each year. In that case, state police are called in to handle the situation, he said.

He also confirmed that against popular belief, students can and will be "written up" simply for smelling of marijuana - even if they are not in possession

of any substances. "We document it, and it is up to Residential Life on how to handle that," he said.

For a complete list of annual on- and off-campus crime statistics involving Lyndon students, visit Public Safety's Campus Crime Awareness webpage at lyndonstate.edu/students-faculty-staff/offices-services/public-safety.



Photo by Tyler Dumont

The evidence locker in the lost and found.

'Visual Arts' (cont. from page 1)

The department is adding two new programs. The combination of graphic design and new media will become a bachelor of fine arts (BFA) in design. A bachelor of fine arts includes a heavier concentration in art history. The department has also added a visual communications major. Both are set to be offered in the upcoming fall 2012 semester.

"We have some freshmen that would be able to make a very easy transition to either one of these degrees and it wouldn't affect anything. Juniors and seniors, we're probably going to tell them not to make any changes," said Parisi.

The consolidation of the two majors will also result in the consolidation of certain classes, which will affect upperclassmen trying to fulfill the requirements of older course catalogs. Parisi said that upperclassmen should not have a problem getting the classes they need.

Charles Lockwood, a senior digital media, graphic design print and illustration major, commented on the steps the

LSC Visual Arts department is taking; saying that the new program was a wise decision.

"It's an exciting idea really. Ground-breaking you could say," said Lockwood. "Champlain College, in Burlington, is going in the completely opposite direction and it shows in the student work that they have to show for it. It's going to cause more issues down the road."

A sophomore portfolio class called, "Design Review" will also be added, in conjunction with the new major.

"The portfolio review used to be mid-way through your career. You submit a portfolio of your work and it goes in front of your professors and peers. They judge it and see if you're on the right track to be where you need to be," said Lockwood. "Now in the new major, they're making that a class to help build and put your work together."

Lockwood said that the industry has a strong focus on web design; therefore a strong portfolio and experience with web and print design is necessary.

"You don't want to go out

there with a crappy portfolio or nothing to show for the four years that you have put in, and then not find a job," said Lockwood. "I think this is the best idea. What you really need is to be able to do both web design work and print work. That's what everybody expects at this point."

The members of the New Media Studio class have contributed to the new program by creating brochures and other promotional material to not only promote the department and its new programs, but also to help clear up any confusion students may have when registering for classes.

"In the new media studio class, that we have this semester, we're not just doing a brochure for the program, we're actually, as a class, redesigning ... all the advertising and marketing material for that," said Lockwood.

A cinema production minor has also been added to the department, with a possible bachelor's degree coming in the future. The department has also added an associate's in art and visual communications.



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People boarding the RCT bus outside of the radio station at LSC.

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Baseball All Warmed Up For Season

Corey Wells
Phil Alexander
Critic Staff

The official baseball season begins tomorrow at 11 a.m. for the Lyndon State College Hornets.

The team leaves LSC today at noon for their weekend trip to New York. Due to the early beginning of the spring baseball season, most northern colleges are unable to play outside because of snow on the field. Most schools head south for warmer

weather to get some playing time outside the gym.

"The purpose of the trip is to get outside the gym and get our feet wet before the long and exciting season," says Shane Fleury, a junior pitcher and first basemen.

"You can only do so much in the gym, so this is a good opportunity for us."

The team has been practicing in the gym for almost a month and this is their first chance to play outside on an ac-

tual baseball field.

The LSC baseball team is able to travel to New York this year because of the hard work and dedication of its players. The team itself, without any help from the college, funds the entire weekend. The players held a dinner/dance on February 25 at the college to help raise most of the money needed for the trip. Other fundraisers included a hit-a-thon in the fall and running the concession stand for all home basketball games.

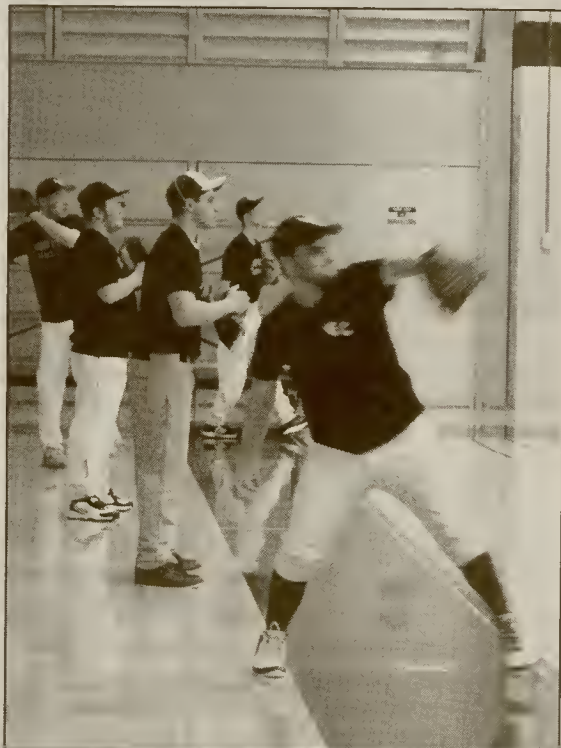


Photo by Sierra Willenburg

The baseball team has had to warm up and practice inside as the harsh winter conditions have prevented them from practicing outside.



Photos by Sierra Willenburg

Above: James Neal and the baseball team's pitching staff looks to improve their numbers from last year.
Below: Baseball team member Kyle Hatin warming up during one of the team's many gym practices.



This year, the baseball team has a new sheriff in town. Ed Poland has taken over for Coach Farley. Many of the players have liked what they've seen so far out of Poland.

"Coach Poland has impressed me so far. I enjoy coming to practice and working hard with him and the rest of the team," said pitcher/outfielder Shane O'Donnell-Leach in an emailed response.

"We all obviously wish Coach Farley were still able to be a part of the team in some way and we do wish him the best, but Coach Poland is somebody who I am more than happy to finish out my career, as a Lyndon State Hornet, with."

The team doesn't seem to be very concerned with their statistics this year. O'Donnell-Leach says he would be fine with bad statistics, as long as the team is playing well.

I don't have any, I could honestly care less about my statistics, I just want to be able to come off the field knowing my team is in a good position to win the game," said O'Donnell-Leach.

"As long as the team wins at

the end of the day, I could give up two 500 foot grand slams and win 9-8 and still be happy."

With the season right around the corner, many players on the team are optimistic about their chances this year.

"We have a great mix of talent, we've got some hard throwing freshman and a great mix of freshman hitters and veteran leaders, talent has never been an issue. It's all about putting it all together for an entire baseball game," O'Donnell-Leach said.

"That is my responsibility, along with the rest of the veterans, to make sure that we are able to close out games. I feel confident that we are up to the task and I know they are too."

Their first game is tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. against the SUNY College at Old Westbury Panthers. After that, they face off against the University of Southern Maine Huskies on Saturday at 11 a.m. Finally, they finish their weekend trip on Sunday against the Mount Saint Mary College Knights, where the first pitch will be thrown out at 11 a.m.

Young Nucleus to Impact Women's Softball

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

They say that practice makes perfect.

The Lyndon State College women's softball team certainly hopes that expression is true, as the Lady Hornets are trying to rebound from an 8-17 season in 2011.

In order to do that, the team will need strong play from its freshmen, who comprise over two-thirds of the roster.

A 10-game road trip to the Adirondack Sports Complex Dome in Glens Falls, N.Y. provided crucial pre-season experience for the young squad. However, the Lady Hornets finished 4-6 over 10 games played, including losing the final four games of the tournament.

Freshman third baseman Katie Ste. Marie did not expect to make so many adjustments to facing college competition.

"I didn't expect the change in speed, or having to change things like batting or fielding, but you definitely have to be more ready because the ball

moves faster," Ste. Marie said.

High school is certainly a different animal than college, according to freshman catcher Jillian Emery, who takes a lot more of a positive spin from the tournament.

"We're working together better...we did pretty well at Glens Falls, so I think we're going to come together well... In high school, we didn't have girls who have the experience or the want to play. And everyone has a drive here on this team," Emery said.

Though the games do not count, it is the experience in the tournament that is key for the team to be ready for the start of the regular season.

Despite initially struggling to learn how to play softball at the college level, Ste. Marie took a lot out from her 10 days in New York.

"It's definitely a lot faster than in high school. You have to change your batting style with the pitches, and I was able to learn that in the tournament," Ste. Marie said.



Katie Ste. Marie, amongst others, have to keep refining their technique if they are going to be ready for the regular season opener. Photo by Eric Blaisdell

Ste. Marie, Emery, and the rest of the team will have two weeks to hone their skills in time for a double-header at Mass Maritime. The games start on Saturday, March 17, and will be played at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

A Combine-ation of Skills

Alex Farnworth
John Kazar
Critic Columnists

Every year, 335 of the best draft-bound college football players are invited to Indianapolis to participate in the NFL Scouting Combine. When the athletes first arrive in Indy, they are sorted out by positions and then go on to do interviews with NFL personnel and drills such as the 40 yard dash, three-cone drill, vertical jump, position specific drills, and much more.

This year's combine had some small school guys that opened the eyes of NFL scouts and may have possibly moved up to become early-round picks.

Janoris Jenkins was recruited, by the University of Florida, but had been dismissed due to violation of team rules; he then went on to attend the University of Northern Alabama. Jenkins has always been talked about as a great player, but scouts questioned him because of his

character and because he didn't play against good competition at UNA. He exceeded projections and now could be seen as a top-10 pick. The earliest he could be drafted is #9 by the Carolina Panthers.

This cornerback exhibits great ball skills and is as quick as a cat; at the combine he ran a 4.46 in the 40-yard dash (which was a good enough for 6th among defensive backs), a 4.13 in the 20-yard shuttle and a 11.23 in the 60-yard shuttle. Scouts were in awe watching him in the cornerback drills; he just flew to the ball and he had fluid hips which is essential in scouting CB's. Before the combine, Jenkins was looked at as a third round pick, but now he could potentially go in the top-10.

Running back Robert Turbin is a powerful player. While attending Utah State, Turbin posted impressive numbers, but was never looked at as a great draft prospect because he was fac-

ing teams like Weber State as opposed to teams like Oklahoma. Listed at 222 lbs and 5'10," however, he runs like an elusive back and displayed great speed at the combine. With hands that are 9 1/4 inches, he was one of the better running backs in the receiving drills.

Across the board Turbin, did excellent. He ran a 4.50 forty time (great for a large back), jumped 10'2" in the long jump and he squeezed out 28 reps in the bench press drill (225 lbs). There were questions as if Turbin would be drafted, but after the combine it looks like he solidified himself as a mid-round pick, and can really help an NFL team.

We are less than eight weeks away from the 2012 NFL Draft and these players (among many others) hope that their skills demonstrated in the combine will allow them to get drafted higher than analysts project.



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Fit With Forester: Keep Your Head in Today



Morgan Forester
Web Editor

I've been thinking a lot about the future lately and what my goals are and what I want for my life. Somehow, I keep coming back to the same issue: I'm trying to get myself ready for my future; I lose out on my present. Working hard and being diligent towards your goals is important, it is how you get ahead in life. But before we know it, we'll all be middle aged and tied down to a career and maybe a family. Those are great things to have, but what happens when all of your "coulda, woulda, shoulda's" come up? What do you do when you realize that there were so

many opportunities you missed out on because you were so busy preparing for your future that you forgot to live in the moment. I encourage you to make the same effort I am trying to make: work hard and accomplish your goals but make room for the opportunities in life that you can't get back. Go on that road trip, make time for concerts and experiences that you'll remember for a lifetime. Make living your life without regrets a goal.

Recipe of the Week: Crock Pot Lasagna

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 jars of meat spaghetti sauce, either Prego or Ragu
- 1 box of oven ready lasagna noodles
- 1-pint chive cottage cheese
- 1-pint ricotta cheese
- 16 ounce shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

1. Combine cottage

cheese and ricotta cheese in a bowl with 3/4 of the mozzarella cheese.

2. Cover the bottom of the crock-pot with meat sauce.

3. Cover the sauce with a layer of noodles (you may need to break them to fit)

4. Do another layer of sauce and noodles then a layer of the cheese mixture.

5. Continue to layer the noodles, cheese mixture, and sauce until the cheese mixture is gone.

6. Finish with a layer of noodles topped with sauce and the remaining mozzarella cheese.

7. Cover and cook on low for about 4:30 hours or until the noodles are tender and the sauce and cheese are bubbling.

Exercise of the Week:

Modified Sun Salutation

Begin by standing straight, arms at your side, and feet shoulder width apart. Take a deep

breath in as you raise your arms over your head stretching up to the ceiling. Letting out that deep breath, bend at the hips bringing your hands to the ground trying to touch your toes. Hold this position for :20 seconds, remembering to breathe. Jump or step back to push-up position and take a deep breath in and hold the position for :20 seconds. Letting your breath out, slowly lower your body down to the ground, keeping the straight line from your head to toes and your elbows in. Inhale and push up onto your arms lifting your torso while keeping your legs straight and rested on the ground. Hold this stretch for :20 seconds. Exhale and raise your body into downward dog position or an upside down "V" shape with both your hands and feet touching the ground. Hold for :20 seconds then step or jump to a crouching position before standing back up. Inhale and repeat

from the beginning.

Activity of the Week: Get Nostalgic

Do you ever find yourself overwhelmed by the responsibilities of being an adult and find yourself longing for the times when you were younger? Sometimes it can be healthy to regress a little and embrace your inner child. Pick a day when you don't have much going on and make it your "be a kid" day. Watch old cartoons, drink kool-aid, and lay around in pj's for the morning. Make snow angels and have a snowball fight or play schoolyard games like Red Rover. Stay inside and play board games or make silly crafts with glue and macaroni or pipe cleaners. Just do all the things you haven't done in years because you're too old to do them. Take the pressure off and just be a kid for a day.



Photos by Cameron Willis

Lyndon State students attending the rail jam put on by the Campus Activities Board. Prizes were awarded for the best of many categories including snowboarder, skier and hardest fall among others.

Rundown of a Rail Jam

Cameron Willis
Critic Correspondent

JP Fabio won a helmet for hardest fall due to an injury on his way to finals; the Ski & Ride Club disqualified him from the finals as a safety precaution.

Fabio was caught up between the two boxes while doing a trick onto the second box causing him to smash against the box. Fabio was down for a few minutes before he came to his feet and watched the rest of the event.

On Feb. 11, the Campus Activity Board put on a rail jam at the glacier. With bystanders all around LSC students shredded the boxes that the Ski & Ride Club had set up to show off their skills and go for the win.

According to LSC student and Ski & Ride Club executive board member, Wes Miller, CAB understood there is a high demand for rail jams on campus and that a large amount of students wanted to participate in these kinds of events. With the winter week-

end events going on, CAB thought it would be a great idea to add the rail jam to the list of events going on. CAB recognizes, with the Ski & Ride Club still under sanctions, that this would be a great opportunity for Ski & Ride to rebuild their reputation and show responsibility.

Miller said, "it went really well considering having such a weak season. It was a great come out, and considering the current position the club was in, it was a great indication of things to come in the future."

Nicholas Trotto won the ski event with James "Wildcat" Amodeo placing second, and Tim Pearson coming in third. For snowboarders, the winner was Sam Pierog, with Austin Baxton in second, and Kyle "Sunny" Mecham following in third.

Trotto said he was really happy the school put on the event, "and I'm stoked to see my teachers here watching me, like I shredded with my RHD, like what!"



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Basic Songwriting With a Bosstones Legend

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

Lennon/McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are some of music's greatest songwriters. If you'd like to one day possibly be as great as them you can take a class to help you.

Lyndon State College professor, bass player and songwriter for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Joe Gittleman is teaching a class called Basic Songwriting. Gittleman explained in an email that the class aims to help students become better songwriters through giving understanding of basic chord theory. This is in-

tended to "show the relationship between melody and chords."

Gittleman "also look[s] at traditional song forms and work on projects that challenge students to create original tunes in traditional forms."

So what if you don't have much experience with playing an instrument or even understanding basic music theory? Fear not. Gittleman says that students of all talent ranges participate in the class, from those just starting out to others who have already formed their own bands and may have already written a few songs. Although, Gittleman thinks the course best suits those who may already know how to play an instrument a bit and

sing a little

Music Fundamentals is a prerequisite to this course.

LSC student Derek Campbell is a member of the band Electric Sorcery on campus. Campbell said this class "has been great for learning to break songs down and examine their structure, to see, hear, what works and why."

"Examining the anatomy of a hit tune and trying to construct something that works in a similar way equals a very different approach from my usual," said Campbell. "Gittleman is an entertaining and relatable teacher with the kind of experience we [the students] are all striving to achieve."

Bringing Mayhem to LSC

Katrina Floranza
Critic Correspondent

Poetry in a more up-beat and hip hop rhythm is making an appearance on campus at LSC in the form of a trio called, the "Mayhem Poets."

On Thursday, March 8, the Campus Activities Board will host the Mayhem Poets in the Alexander Twilight Theatre at 9 p.m.

CAB has received a lot of positive feedback from students about other CAB Night acts that have performed at LSC. CAB President Brian Stone says that with all the positive feedback about artists such as George Watsky, many different musicians, poets, and theatrical events, it has been decided that bringing an act like the Mayhem Poets would definitely be an entertaining experience for all at LSC.

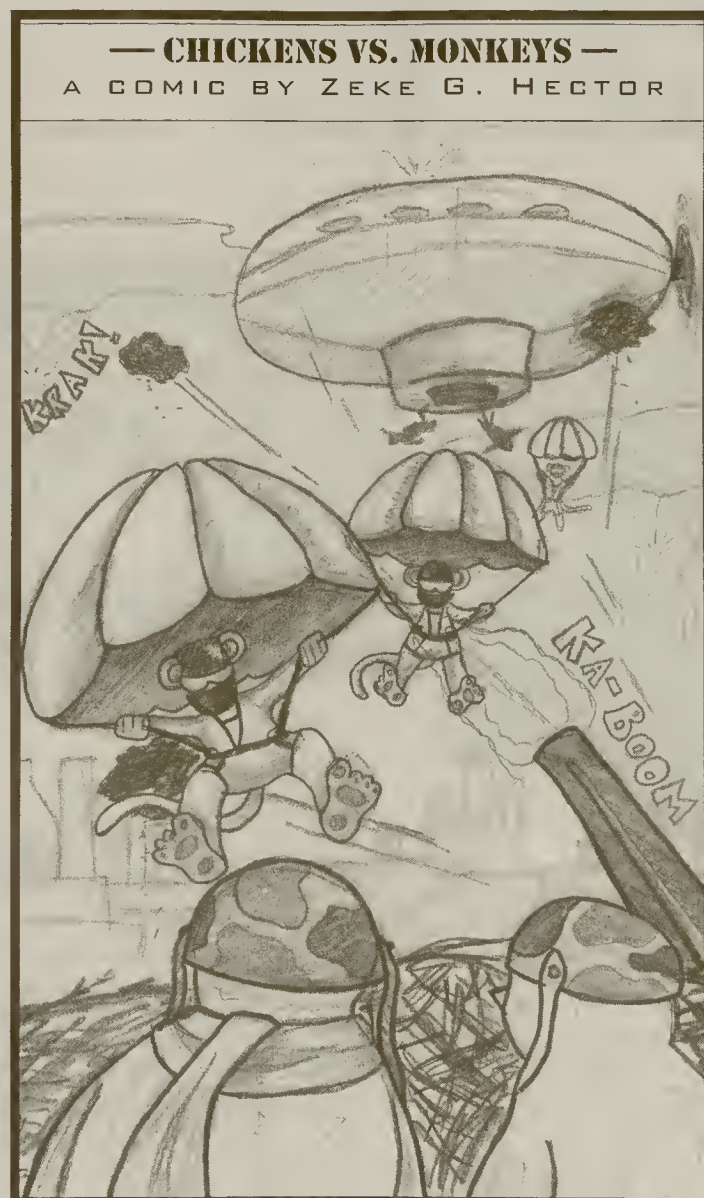
"We always try and bring new and interesting events to campus and The Mayhem Poets are just that," Stone explains. "At a conference for campus activities, CAB attended last semester, the entire group was incredibly impressed with the group's performance and decided that it would be something that would work well at Lyndon and students would enjoy."

The Mayhem Poets are a group of three members: Kyle Rapps, Scott Raven, and Mason Granger, who perform slam poetry. Rapps has been victorious in many poetry slams throughout the nation, as well as releasing two hip-hop singles. Raven has co-authored and performed in full length spoken word

plays. Granger's talent with poetry has earned him the title of the "poet laureate of Livingston College." Each of these members incorporates elements of hip hop, theatre, improvisation, and stand-up comedy into their acts, therefore, performing "slam poetry."

In 2006, the Mayhem Poets had won first place in the Microsoft Ideas Win

Challenge competition. Known for their talents of "spoken word," the Mayhem Poets have been featured on various shows such as The Today Show and Eyewitness News. Since performing on such features, the trio has been touring around to different colleges and universities, working together with many different styled musicians.



DIY: Dorm Room Dishes

Brittany Gucwa
Critic Correspondent

There's a big issue that a lot of people living on-campus face; what can you cook in your dorm room? If you're living in Stonehenge or Wheelock, you're only allowed certain appliances (microwave, fridge) and are limited to what you can create in your own room.

So instead of going to the dining hall one night, make something on your own.

Ursula Malahre-Speicher created this strange-sounding dish while she was living in Stonehenge. "I would make strange concoctions. I would take plain oatmeal and then I would mix in cinnamon, maple syrup and curry powder. And it was delicious! It works in cottage cheese too." Ohanga "Freddie" Losamhe also gave a very interesting recipe idea for cooking with only a microwave: "It was called 'Ramen Noodle Casserole.' You take [cooked] chicken Cup o' Noodles and a slice of Kraft Single cheese. You put the cheese on top of the noodles. Then you take some Banquet Chicken, cook it first, and then put some hot sauce and pepper, and sometimes you can throw in a hardboiled egg. And that is 'Ramen Noodle Casserole.' So there's proof that there's life beyond eating dining hall food and ramen."

Here's one of my own recipes:

Spinach and Mushroom Scramble

- 1/2 cup of egg beaters
- Spinach
- Your favorite kind of mushroom
- Finely chopped onions
- Shredded mozzarella

Pour the egg beaters into a microwaveable bowl. Place in the microwave for 30 seconds. Stir. Cook for another 30 seconds. Stir again, then for 20 more seconds (times vary for different microwaves). In a separate bowl place the chopped onions, mushrooms, and spinach. Microwave for 1 minute. There may be some moisture, so be sure to dump that out first. Then mix the two bowls together. Sprinkle with cheese, microwave for 20 seconds, and voila!



Photos by Kyle Mecham

The Snow Comes Marching In

Kyle Mecham
Critic Staff

At long last, we have seen the end of the snow draughted February of 2012, to be ushered in by the fresh scent of a momentous powder day.

Northern Vermont averages a total of 101 inches of snow within a winter, with 24 of those

inches coming in the month of February. This February, however, Lyndonville received only 9 inches of the white stuff, and most of that came in one minor snowstorm.

Whether you were urging for more fortunate weather patterns, doing your ritualistic snow dance, or simply waking up to

another mild, partly cloudy day, still the crystals did not fall. No brushing off the windshield. No fresh powder on your morning groomers. No pillow lines, even through unmarked trails. Dull.

With the six-inch storm on the night of February 24 followed by the beautiful Saturday powder day, hopes rose for the

potential of a seasonal savior.

"I can feel it in my bones," said a Burke Mountain frequent, "March will turn this whole season around."

So far so good. March 1, 2012 brought 9" of powder to Burke Mountain, an amount matching the total amount of snow in Lyndonville for the en-

tire month of February.

Today, with the sun shining and highs of 35 degrees, will be one of the nicest days to catch some powder on the mountain. As Vermonters and snow lovers, it is our duty to shred what was intended to be shredded, and to keep a positive outlook toward a white March of 2012.

Solve the Sudoku

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MUSIC MONDAYS:

Battle of the Bands to Benefit Janet Bennion

Adam Brothers
Photo Editor

Music Mondays are bringing a new reason to be entertained this week. On March 5 at 7:00 pm, in ASAC 100, there will be a Battle of the Bands put on by M.E.I.S.A. and WWLR to benefit Professor Janet Bennion who lost her home in a recent fire.

M.E.I.S.A. is the Music and Entertainment Industry Student Association, a rather new club created to bring quality musical events onto campus. They meet every Thursday at 6:30 in LAC 413 to discuss plans

for campus music and entertainment.

In joint cooperation, M.E.I.S.A. and WWLR, the college's radio station, have been scheduling bands and musical entertainment for every Music Monday. The March 5 Battle of the Bands will include Electric Sorcery, Sails, the Summit of Thieves, and more.

Music Mondays are always free of charge, but as the show is being held to benefit Janet Bennion, any monetary donation will be accepted and appreciated as admission. Not only does the donation give the sense of al-

truism, but the great sound of music as well.

So gather your friends, a couple of bucks, and any dancing mojo you can muster up, and get over to ASAC 100 at 7:00 pm to benefit one of our very own professors, Janet Bennion.

M.E.I.S.A. front man, AJ Raskin, told, "Music Mondays are all about putting on a great live show for the students on campus. Hopefully with incorporating a benefit show for Professor Bennion, we can really reach out to the students and get their help for a great person."

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Model UN Club Attends First Conference

Morgan Forester
Web Editor

Returning from their first Model United Nations Conference in Cambridge, Mass., the Model UN Club is full of inspiration and is already making plans for next year.

The club was excited to be a part of the conference and witness the dedication of the other students and faculty from around the world who contribute to the Model UN.

"It was really encouraging to see students passionate about this and willing to put in the hard work, it's just nice to know that there are people out there that care about international relations and care about these issues and that they are willing to commit to this," says Emma Shattuck, secretary for Model UN.

There was also an appreciation for conversation among peers who are just as committed to learning about and discussing foreign policy.

"You learn a lot," says Adam Norton, who was glad to have the opportunity to discuss the things he is passionate about with like-minded students.

Not only was the conversation inspiring, but the leadership as well.

"One of the best parts of this con-

ference is that it was student lead. They were undergrads just like us, and they were dealing with issues just like us and yet they were helping to run this event of over 3,500 kids," says Casey Spear, treasurer for Model UN.

It wasn't all academics. According to the club, the students at the conference enjoyed some not-so appropriate humor involving notes attached to roses that were read in front of the committees to break up the work. Once the "work" day was over, many of the students showed they could let loose.

"They partied hard!" says Spear.

Now that the team has experienced a Model UN Conference for the first time, they have a better idea of what worked and what they need to focus on for their next conference.

Spear says, "I would do it differently. I would research different things then I did and I would've spoken [in the committees] more."

Reflecting back on their performance, Jiachuan "Jason" Zheng says the group "could've been more prepared." The rest of the group agrees, but remind themselves that they had only a short time leading up to the conference and they are a very new group.

Regardless of their inexperience and being up against much larger teams from



Photos courtesy of Emma Shattuck

Students participate in Model UN event during conference in Cambridge, Mass.

more prestigious schools, the club did well in participating throughout the conference and staying true to San Marino, the country they represented. Na Zhan and Jon Kennedy were presenters of a Drafted Resolution which is the goal of each committee.

"This is the best team I have ever had for Model UN," says Zhan.

"I'm bummed I'm a senior," says Spear who would love to attend the conference

again.

The Model UN Club is making plans to create a larger team by combining clubs from other VSC schools. They are also heavily recruiting to replace the seniors will be leaving the club.

To hear more about the Model UN team's experience at the Model UN Conference, the team will be holding a presentation Thursday March 8 at 6p.m. in Rita Bole.



Above: Emma Shattuck (middle) poses with friends met at Model UN conference in Cambridge, Mass.

Left: (From Left) Adam Norton, Emma Shattuck, Jiachuan "Jason" Zheng, and Casey Spear.

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Don't Skimp on Safety

Sam Anthenat
Critic Staff

Cheap and tires don't go in the same sentence.

For all you transit students who commute to Lyndon State college, you'll notice you put a lot of mileage on your tires. At some point you'll need to change them. The questions you'll have to answer is, "what tire do I buy? Do I change all four or just two?"

Joseph Kennett, the manager of Stratham Tire in Lancaster NH, recommends changing all four tires at once. However, this is not always feasible. Due to tough economic

times you may only be able to afford to change one or two at a time. In this case, the pair of replacement tires is selected in the same size and construction as those on the vehicle. The two newer tires should be installed on the rear axle to prevent oversteering and loss of stability. Along with better tracing with the front tires, it makes the vehicle much safer.

Kennett also added, "When purchasing new tires, you want to go with a quality tire on your vehicle for better handling, stability, and better safety." One customer came into his shop and said, "I want

a quality tire for my vehicle." Kennett looked up the tires for his vehicle and gave the man a choice of quality tires. The man picked out the tire without asking the price. Kennett asked, "Don't you want to know the price of these tires? Do you want the cheapest ones?" The man said, "No. I just want the total price because 'cheap' and 'tires' don't belong in the same sentence."

So when changing your tires, you want to go with a quality and you want to change all four tires at the same time if possible, for performance, stability, and safety.

Guatemala Gets TLC From LSC

Erin Milne
Critic Correspondent

For one group of LSC students, winter break meant a chance to help others in Guatemala.

"Eight students were part of a service learning trip that lasted from February 16th to the 24th," said Darcie Miles, executive assistant to the president. They visited the town of Xela (Shay-la) and assisted with an after-school program. The students also helped paint classrooms and bought and prepared food for lunches.

"We worked in conjunction with a school in Guatemala where we helped to organize a library, paint classrooms, and help women with their cooking and cleaning," said junior Megan Seidell, one who attended the trip to South America. "We painted classrooms, interacted with students, organized their library and helped the women with their duties."

The students also brought donations for the after-school program and for two other organizations. Each student had to pay a \$500 dollar donation to go on the trip, and they also collected donations for books and dental care supplies. The LSC library donated discarded books from its children's library, and Cindy Robertson, assistant to the dean of administration, collected dental supplies from her dentist's office. Other members of the LSC community also made other various donations.

Miles noted that everyone the group met in Guatemala seemed to have a firm commitment to giving back to the community. Seidell agreed. "I didn't expect the people to be as warm, welcoming, and friendly as they were," Seidell said. "That was the biggest and best surprise that Guatemala had to offer. Miles recalled hearing the director of the afterschool program say that, when he was a boy, he could not go to school because his family could not afford to buy him a notebook. A man found him crying over this and gave him a notebook, telling him to pay the gift forward someday by helping someone else; this inspired him to start the afterschool program. "Many other people had similar stories," Miles said.

"They had received something in their childhood and felt passionate about that and wanted to give something back," Miles said.



Rachel Egbert with Guatemalan children

"In addition to their service, the students also went on several educational tours," said Julie Austin, a sophomore more accounting major who was one of the student leaders of the trip. "The students learned about how coffee and macadamia nuts are grown and processed as well as how the Guatemalan school system works."

This is the fourth year that LSC has organized a service trip to Guatemala, but this year the trip was also part of a one-credit class assigned to Patricia Shine, associate professor of human services. The trip was led by Austin and Rachel Keller, a senior psychology/human services major. Miles and Robertson served as adjunct faculty and chaperones on the trip.

The trip was run by eXela Ventures. More about this type of service trip can be found by contacting Demetri Patitsas, managing director of eXela Ventures, at www.eXelaVentures.com.

When asked if she would go on the trip again, Seidell responded, "Yes, of course I would do it again!"



Nikki Slabinski with Guatemalan children.



Nikki Slabinski does arts and crafts with a Guatemalan child.

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Celebrating Cultural Diversity



Lori Werdenschlag, founder of Lyndon State's Cultural Festival Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Dana Berlin
Entertainment Editor

Students and faculty can play a major role in celebrating and accepting diversity at Lyndon State College, according to psychology professor Lori Werdenschlag.

"Just because the Northeast Kingdom does not have a lot of diversity does not mean that Lyndon can't appreciate it," said Werdenschlag, founder of the Cultural Festival at LSC.

"Many other college campuses around the country offer a variety of cultural experiences. Just because Lyndon is small doesn't mean we can't offer the same things that other universities provide," she said.

The 16th annual Cultural Festival will be held from March 6 to the 18 here on the LSC Campus and is a great way for students and faculty to celebrate diversity and enjoy what different cultures have to

offer.

Many different student and faculty groups from around campus and even surrounding high schools will hold supporting events or activities for people to take advantage of.

Students from LSC and St. Johnsbury Academy's ESL programs will be holding the fifth annual "Kidz World" which invites young children from around the area to come and experience other cultures through games, snacks, activities and interactive displays.

Janet Bennion, professor of anthropology will present "The Celts of France: Myth, Music and Culture" on March 14 at 3 p.m. This presentation will focus on two Gaulois settlements that gave rise to stories about the Legend of Arthur and the Cathar heresy: Brittany and the Languedoc culture of Midi-Pyrenees. Food and music will be sampled during the presentation.

During the St. Patrick's Day Concert on March 15 beginning at noon "Wearing o' the Green" will be encouraged. This concert features a wide range of Celtic music, both vocal and instrumental put on by Professor Emeritus Ralph Aldrich. The concert can be seen in the Alexander

Twilight Theater.

That same evening at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theater, Vermont's own 40th Army Band will perform. The band, made up of members of Vermont's Army National Guard, will perform selections from John Williams, Johann Strauss and Clare Grundman.

All the events during the Cultural Festival are free to attend, and open to the public, so are not limited to just student and faculty of LSC.

Werdenschlag has been working hard to bring this festival to the LSC campus since its creation, and believes that with continued presence, it can truly make a difference.

"While many faculty, staff and administrators already appreciate the cultural activities, it's students who I'm really targeting with many of these events. I want students to get excited about trying new things. If students discover how worthwhile it is to try something cultural once while in college, then they're more likely to try it again. And when they graduate from college, they will discover they have so many more options of things to see and do when they're looking for entertainment."

Vail Elevator: Switching to Synthetics

Ryan Holmes
Critic Correspondent

That infamous smell coming from the Vail elevator will soon be coming to an end.

The transition from using vegetable oil that often causes an unpleasant smell to hydraulic fluid in the elevator has begun, costing Lyndon State \$6,700.

10 years ago, Lyndon began using vegetable oil instead of hydraulic fluid in the elevators on campus. The vegetable oil was supposed to be an environmen-

tally friendly alternative instead of the use of hydraulic fluid, but the use of vegetable oil has caused a few problems.

The vegetable oil over time "breaks down and the oil actually becomes thinner and raises havoc with the hydraulic seals which hold the oil in the shaft cylinder," physical plant director Thomas Archer said.

One issue from the leaking oil is the horrible smell it gives off.

"When I used to work in the mailroom I would always smell something odd coming from the elevators. It stunk

like rotten eggs," said Lyndon State student Samantha Bergeron. "I didn't realize it was the smell of vegetable oil."

The smell is caused from the vegetable oil leaking from the hydraulic seals and falls to the bottom of the elevator shaft. The oil releases oxides into the air. "The oxidation let's off a real rancid smell and is nearly unbearable," said Archer.

The smell isn't the only issue.

"As the oil leaks through the seals the elevator hydraulics change even though slightly. This causes issues with the controls and we end up with a lot of trouble

shooting calls," said Archer.

Leaks can cause issues for the elevators that can be very difficult and expensive to fix.

Over February break, the transition from vegetable oil to a synthetic hydraulic fluid began. According to Archer, "the elevator company ran into a snag during the break and has rescheduled for a time frame during the April vacation."

"The used vegetable oil will be recycled and converted to a bio fuel by students in the Lyndon State College Sustainability program," said Archer.



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Are You Set to Graduate?

Jesilyn Armsden
Critic Staff

May graduation is approaching fast. For all those graduating the pressure is on to succeed. Many students find themselves overloaded with the combination of work to finish and figuring out where they will end up going in May.

The Lyndon State College campus has resources and events to make this transition less stressful. One event being offered very soon is the Graduation Information Galore Commencement Fair Day. Monday, March 12, from 11am-3pm in ASAC 100, graduating seniors can come and get information, ask questions, and order their cap and gown for the graduation ceremony.

There will be refreshments, door prizes, and live acoustic music by Suncooked. Various booths will be set up where students can create a "write-on" graduation tee with CAB, verify their name and degree for their diploma, and get details about this years senior week including the dinner cruise.

Staff members from both Career Services

and Financial Aid will be available for students with any questions about their accounts or interest in receiving information to assist with job searching. Linda Wacholder, Director of Career Services encourages all graduates to attend and use all the resources Lyndon has to offer.

Linda Wacholder has many websites and articles that can help ease seniors into the job search and resume building process. When asked about what she believes is most helpful to seniors in their last semester she said, "My advice to seniors is just start doing something, acknowledge that you are graduating and start thinking about it."

Wacholder's Life Beyond The Classroom is a senior course that does just that. It is focused on helping seniors build their resume and cover letter correctly and get a step up on job searching before graduation. For more information on what Career Services offers you can visit www.lyndonstate.edu/careers or attend the Graduation Commencement Fair Day and visit the booths.



COMING TO A DINING HALL NEAR YOU

Brick oven pizza makes list of new menu items to be offered at LSC

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

Sodexo, one of the nation's largest food service companies in the world, has earned an approximate \$5 million dollar annual operating contract to take over dining services for four of Vermont's state colleges, and Lyndon is one of them.

The company will replace Aramark, who has been serving the Vermont State College system for nearly twenty years.

"The decision ultimately came down to cost and quality," said Daniel Smith, VSC Director of Community Relations and Public Policy. "Across the colleges, their proposal was simply a better deal. The people responsible for the contract felt they were better," he said. The 5-year

contract also comes with a 5-year renewal option. Sodexo will be paid an annual \$1.1 million for operating Lyndon's dining services, about \$100,000 less than what Aramark would have charged had the contract carried over to next year with the company.

When students return for classes in the fall of 2012, some of the most notable changes will be seen in the Stevens Dining Hall and The Hornet's Nest. According to a Sodexo proposal citing the future of Lyndon's dining services, students should expect a completely renovated facility and a brand new menu within the next five years, with the most notable changes happening within their first year on campus.

See 'Sodexo', page .



Above: The Hornets Nest snack bar in its current state.

Inset Top: The proposed redesign of the snack bar, as envisioned by an artist.

Inset Bottom: Proposed updates to the Stevens Dining Hall

BERTOLINO TAKING PAY CUT

Returning to Campus March 19-20

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Joe Bertolino will be making \$33,000 less next year to become Lyndon State College's president.

He currently makes \$175,000 as the vice president of enrollment management and student affairs at Queens College of the City University of New York. Bertolino signed a one-year contract that will pay him \$142,000 plus benefits as LSC's president.

"The truth of the matter is obviously that had to figure into my decision," said Bertolino by phone. "I knew coming into this process that if I took this job I would be taking a pay cut, which is unusual for a president, especially in comparison to presidencies around the country."

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the median total compensation for college

presidents in 2009-2010 was \$375,442.

"It's not about money in the end," Bertolino said. "That is really what it comes down to. I'm coming to Lyndon because I love to be at Lyndon. Lyndon is a great place and there are great opportunities there. I loved the faculty and the staff and the students."

He went on to say that the cost of living is less in Vermont than it is in his current residence of New York and that Vermont State College Chancellor Tim Donovan was upfront about the salary scale. Bertolino said the Chancellor told him during the initial interview that if the pay was a problem then they should not waste each other's time. He decided to move forward with the interview process placing more importance on fit than on

finances.

"This is a decision that I have made and I have made it comfortably and I've made it because I know it is the right decision," he said.

Another factor that went into Bertolino's decision was taking a job in Vermont and being so far away from his partner Bil Leipold, who is an associate vice president at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

"I've arranged that we will probably try to travel back and forth every other week," he said. "We'll figure it out. We've been together 20 years so I'm not too worried about it."

Of course it will be difficult, but we are actually in a commuter relationship now. Of course it's only 70 miles, not 400."

See 'Bertolino', page 4

SGA SLASHES BUDGETS

Katelyn Zenie
Critic Staff

The student government allocated club funds for this year last night at their general meeting.

The vote to not contest or refuse the funds given passed 22-4 among club representatives. If the budgets had not passed, the clubs would have met again a week from now and go through the budgeting process again, this time in the old fashion of budgeting that was in place for the SGA just a few years ago. That way of budgeting would lead into club against club disagreements, and there was a general agreement was that going back to that method would not win clubs much more money; if any, then they were given last night.

Many clubs were relatively

satisfied with the money they received. Peter Ryan, student government Anime club rep says although he spoke up against the budget originally, that he wasn't actually angry at all. "The DVD budget is fine," Ryan continues "but we were planning a guest speaker which would benefit the theater and graphic design majors as well, and that part got completely cut." Ryan says he purposely set his budget higher then he thought his club needed because he knew that most clubs were not going to get the full amount of money they requested.

All the clubs were not in agreement however about the fairness of the amount they were given.

See 'Budgets', page 4

Campus Calendar

Fri. 3/9: Open Mic Night @ ASAC 100
Sat. 3/10: Intramural Water Polo
Tue. 3/13: Non-Traditional Student Lunch @ Stevens Dining Hall

A Quote to Note

"I believe that every person is born with talent."
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Kony 2012

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

Terrible events are currently impacting our world. There is a massacre engulfing Syria where a brutal dictator has been killing his own people. There are Americans who are drowning in debt and financial hardship that they can't feed their own children. At the end of the 2011 fiscal year, our gross debt was \$14.8 trillion or about 99 percent of our economy. Our total liabilities and unfunded obligations totaled \$65.5 trillion.

Each week as I rant about apathy here at Lyndon, I may sound like a broken record, but I believe that young people can mold the future of our country. Last week, we saw proof of this as a campaign entitled Kony 2012 launched its efforts to expose the evil of world's most wanted man. Joseph Kony is the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda that has killed, mutilated, and raped thousands

of civilians. As of last night there were over 40 million views on a viral YouTube video aimed at uniting tens of thousands of college students in opposition to Kony and his butchery.

Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets are exploding with activity about people in support of ending this tyrant's control over more than 30,000 children who Kony has turned into soldiers. This man forces kidnapped children, between the ages of 6 and 15, to kill their own parents and continue on deadly rampages as loyal followers of his movement.

Joseph Kony is a terrible man who must be stopped and punished for his crimes. Social media has empowered our generation to make dramatic changes to the world we live in. You are making a tremendous first step in sharing and liking content but the honest truth is that most of our representatives are in their sixties and seventies

and really don't know how to access social media. It's time to get the attention of our elected officials. Write letters to your representatives. Stand up and tell your elected officials the direction you want your country to travel. March on Washington, do whatever it takes and, above all, stop being complacent.

You must do more to achieve the real results that you want, and our world needs you to do more. Our generation does not have to be polarized by partisan politics. We can work together to get the job done not only for Vermont and the United States of America, but also for the entire world. It is time to come together and not only embrace the Kony 2012 movement, but also the other problems that are currently facing our world. Get out of your comfort zone and take a stand because if you don't I'm afraid that we will be remembered as a complacent, lazy generation.

Each day as I advocate involvement in local government, I continually feel like I am fighting one hell of an uphill battle.

This week though, students took the first step to fighting apathy and I think that we can take this to become more socially and politically active. All right, let me explain I want to thank every student who has liked or shared this video, because you have taken the first step to defeat apathy and stand up for human rights. Regardless of if you agree with the legitimacy of the organization sponsoring the video, However, at the end of the day you must do more and in fact, YOU CAN! One example is the battles that carry on each and every year in our own Student Government Association. Over the course of the last four years that I've been somewhat involved in the SGA there have been disagreements that have been fairly brutal but at the end of the day, we respect one another. I mean, Justin Chenette and I have never gotten along (except that one time) but I am excited that he is taking a great step in running for state legislature in the state of Maine. We need more community leaders and students to take charge.

Democracy at Work

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Last week every town in Vermont held its annual Town Meeting. These meetings are usually pretty routine. A relatively small number of citizens attend, most officers run unopposed, there are a few arguments that are cut short when speakers run out of time. But last Tuesday was a little different. Many towns decided to lend their voices to national issues. Two years ago, the Supreme Court came down on the side of corporate control of politics and voted to block attempts to limit corporate access to political advertising. Many Vermont towns voted to support a constitutional amendment to overturn that decision.

But the decision was nothing really new. It was rooted in the idea, upheld by courts for more than century, that corporations are people. Isn't it wonderful what legislators and jurists can do? Scientists are stuck with the laws that Nature or Nature's God provided. If politicians or their crony capitalist supporters don't like a law, well heck, they

can just write a new one.

It's understandable why many Vermonters don't like that, but it's much more than a campaign finance issue. If corporate executives get out of line and take actions that hurt people, we punish the corporation and let the real perpetrators take their golden parachutes and move on. Self righteous prosecutors will shut the company down, wiping out innocent stockholders and putting employees on the street, while corrupt officials take the money and run. What we really need is an amendment that makes corporations into what they are supposed to be—organizations that are intended to create value for their employees, their shareholders and the public.

Campaign finance is another matter entirely. As long as it is possible to run commercials on television that play on emotions, big money is going to win elections.

Vermont just had its Presidential Primary and the winner was Mitt Romney. Mitt is putting a lot of money in this campaign and a good deal of it is his. Not only that but the media has

been telling voters for a long time that he was at the head of the pack. A lot of voters don't want to waste time going to the polls unless their guy or gal can win.

That's why it's surprising that the number two spot in Vermont went to Ron Paul. He's the guy that rarely gets called upon on debates, is viewed by the gurus as unelectable. He's too old but is widely favored by

younger voters. He's the only candidate, Democrat or Republican that is committed to bringing troops home and applying the money saved to the enormous problems facing our country.

If you drove around the communities that surround LSC on election day, you would have seen Ron Paul signs all over. How many Romney signs did you see?

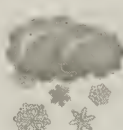


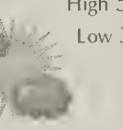
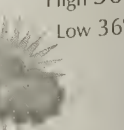


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President's Corner: Why Sustainability Matters

Nicholas Russo
Student Body President

Sustainability: Bringing into line human's wants with their needs and continuing the ability for humans to live comfortably into the indefinite future.

Unfortunately, few people understand this definition and the importance of sustainability. We are facing an exponentially growing human population with decreasing natural resources available for our use. Meanwhile, fossil fuels that we are heavily reliant upon are almost undeniably causing a warming earth.

If you or someone you know plan on

having children, you should be even more concerned about sustainability, because they will be the ones who will pay the most significant price for our lack of action.

I don't expect our students to try to make sweeping changes to our country's environmental policies at this point in our lives. But there are steps that each of us can take every day to lessen our "footprint" on the earth and live more sustainable lives. Everyone, not just a select few, must be more sustainably minded.

If you are interested in living a more sustainable lifestyle on campus, there is a new housing option being offered next

year. The Gray House residence hall is becoming a "Green" house. The residential life department is looking for 10 students who want to live a green lifestyle to live in the gray house next academic year. For more information and to request an application, email the director of Residential Life, Erin Rossetti.

Maybe you're a commuter or aren't ready to take such a big step in sustainable living. That's OK. There are a few simple steps you can take to be green starting today. Reduce the amount of packaging you buy and throw away by purchasing items in larger amounts.

Reuse items as many times as you can before throwing them away. When you are throwing something away, look to see if it can be recycled first. If you are throwing away anything biodegradable, compost it by burying it in the ground.

Ways to live a more sustainable life are almost limitless. From turning off and unplugging items you aren't using, to taking shorter showers, to buying locally, there are many ways to save energy and resources. If we each adopt these steps, we are making a better life for our children and their children. The time to start is now.

Vox Populi

Kony 2012. Who are we to end a war? They're here to ask us "who are we not to?"

Thursday March 8, 2012 a dorm building on campus was vandalized with "Kony 2012" tagged in hallways and other areas. It was written repeatedly on every brick, large and small. This got me to thinking...

How many people are actually informing themselves thoroughly? I don't doubt the actions that people are taking to stop Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army, but how many people have just jumped on the bandwagon? My question comes from the amount of people that I have spoken with JUST today that have no idea what's going on, but they know that something is happening. I know that too many people say "wow! They have shirts, bracelets, posters, and stickers! I'm going to get these and pretend that I know what I'm talking about".

Look how popular the Livestrong bracelets were when they first came out. I was in elementary school when they made their appearance and EVERYONE, including myself, had to have a Livestrong bracelet. I don't think that the fourth and fifth graders really knew what they were about - they were just a trend. In fourth and fifth grade, the world is only just becoming cruel. For the most part, you still think it's perfect except for when you can't play your Nintendo because you didn't clean your room; you just shoved everything under your bed. Later, people found out it was for cancer awareness and support in honor of Lance Armstrong. Now, I'm genuinely shocked when I see someone with a Livestrong...anything! Personally, I don't have the bracelet, but I do have a bright yellow sweatshirt that has LIVESTRONG written right across the chest.

But I digress. Let me get to my point.

Kony 2012 is no game. This is not something that you should just hop on the bandwagon with like was done with Livestrong and so many more organizations like it. Not that those organizations aren't serious, but those have been working for years and this is JUST coming to light in so many people's eyes this year. This expires on December 31, 2012.

Joseph Kony is "not fighting for any cause, but only to maintain his power." "He is not supported by anyone," and "he has repeatedly used peace talks to rearm and mur-

der again and again." Kony is number one on the International Criminal Court's list of the World's Worst Criminals.

How does he operate? For 26 years, he has abducted children in the middle of the night, handed them weapons and trained them to mutilate anyone that stands in their way. They take chunks of their faces to the point where they're unrecognizable. More often than not the Lord's Resistance Army, or LRA, will end up killing their victims and not only are their victims strangers, but also their own parents. The girls that are taken from their homes are turned into sex slaves, and the boys are turned into child-soldiers.

It has been made possible by the efforts of the people that have been fighting this war so far to track every movement and problem that occurs in Uganda regarding the LRA. You can visit the website and see every occurrence from civilian deaths to abductions. In the past month, there have been three civilian deaths and 53 abductions. In the past year, there have been 98 civilian deaths and 477 abductions. And lastly, in total, there have been 1,012 civilian deaths and 2,214 abductions.

So what is the point of Kony 2012 and The Invisible Children? The world needs to know who Joseph Kony is. We need to make him famous, not so that he can be celebrated, but so he can be caught. We need to plaster our towns with posters and the links to websites where people can be informed. He has to be captured THIS year!

Because I could go on forever... Visit some of the websites listed below and get yourself informed. A little goes a long way and just a pebble in the water can set the sea in motion. Tell your friends. Tell your family. Don't ignore this and don't just jump on the bandwagon and DON'T ignore this!

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'Sodexo' (cont. from page 1)

The company, who has teamed up with local architectural firm Truexcullins, said recently that they would be creating "Vail Diner," which will serve the main portions you'd expect at the dining hall. Brand new food preparation areas will allow them to serve lots of new items: from scrambled eggs to ham and cheese frittatas, turkey sandwiches for lunch and cobblers for desert, Vail Diner will have a great, new variety. But, that's not all.

"Students will walk into a completely transformed residential dining restaurant featuring Bella Trattoria, an open hearth, wood-fired oven where fresh flatbreads, hand-stretched pizzas and calzones and casseroles fill the air," the proposal said. Other featured Italian dishes include chicken cacciatore, meat lasagna and baked ziti.

Seating will also be enhanced, with the addition of an energy-efficient wood pellet stove and large flat screen televisions. Grill, bakery, deli and salad sections will also still be available, along with selections of Green Mountain coffee. A new subsection featuring gluten-free, sugar-free and dairy-free products will also be offered.

Other new items expected include a dedicated recycling center with separate bins for plastics, glass, compostable food items and newspapers. A "Simply To Go" section full of hot and cold menu items ready to be

eaten on the run for students will be constructed, too. Raffles for attending campus events will even be offered, along with a new program offering reusable containers.

A program called "Global Chef" will be instituted at Lyndon, where students will be introduced to "skilled and respected executive chefs from Sodexo affiliates around the world." The chefs will share authentic international cuisines, regional fare, chef specialties and traditional cooking techniques from their home regions and bring them to the LSC campus.

The Horner's Nest will also be expecting a variety of new changes. New menu items such as root beer floats, rancheros, queso burgers, shredded steak salads will soon be enjoyed.

While most salaried Aramark employees will lose their jobs in July, Sodexo says they are committed to hiring all of the existing hourly employees, stating that "They will have no interruption in benefits and we recognize seniority. We look forward to implementing a transition plan that makes the transition seamless for the employees." Employed students will also have a chance to apply for scholarships.

When it comes to a managerial team, Sodexo stressed they will be focused on connecting with both employees and the community in numerous ways.

"We believe it is important

that our managers embrace and believe in the mission, vision and values of the campus they will serve," the proposal stated. "Each one is not only a valued Sodexo manager, but will soon become an integral member of the Northeast Kingdom."

The proposal said that Joseph McClain, of Queens, New York, is being offered as the new general manager of food services at the Stevens Dining Hall. Currently, McClain serves as Sodexo's interim general manager at Franklin Pierce University. They've also named Hue Wetherbee, of Warren, New Hampshire, as Executive Chef. Warren is currently a production manager for Sodexo at Plymouth State University. Rob MacFarlane, of Rutland, Vermont, will be the district manager overseeing the Vermont State College's dining services. A dietary nutritionist will also be overseeing food selections to make sure both Sodexo and students are making balanced choices.

Sodexo is also introducing a "Student Board of Directors," where students will be able to get involved and give input on food served and more.

"Transitions like these are a good place for students to be heard," Daniel Smith said. "The chancellor and council are really concerned with student costs right now. It is important for them to be heard in regards to what they'd like to see."

'Budgets' (cont. from page 1)

Jeremy Goldberg, the Hockey team's SGA representative was not pleased with the numbers. Goldberg says the team requested \$35,626 and was given \$26,600 from the student government. That cut is about \$9,000 that Jeremy says will hurt the team short and long term. "We use every bit of money SGA gives us," Jeremy says. He says the team uses the money given by SGA for icing,

referees, transportation, for a trainer, and for fees to play in the league. Since the team got cut as much as they did, Goldberg says the team is debating whether they can even play next season. The team will have to up the team dues, which will discourage incoming and continuing students from playing on the team, therefore losing valuable players. "Now, with what we are faced with, I don't know what

the team will look like next year, it's very disheartening" Goldberg says.

As mixed feelings were discussed, the point was brought up that clubs can still earn their money through fundraising efforts, as well as request funds on a more individual basis from the general SGA fund.

A full report on the new hockey budget and its repercussions can be found on page 7.

The SGA Budget: Step by Step

1. All clubs are required to submit a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. If they do not submit a budget, then they don't get any money.
2. The Student Government Association executive board collects all of the information and sends out the proposed club budgets to the SGA elected representatives.
3. The elected representatives hold a meeting of presentations where each club has a total of 10 minutes to present their budget.
4. The elected representatives then hold a meeting to cut items out of club budgets until the "magic number," the highest amount of money SGA can approve to be allocated, is reached.
5. Each cut has to be approved by a majority of elected representatives.
6. The SGA executive board are the only people who know the magic number.
7. The SGA executive board then presents it to the SGA clubs and it needs a two-thirds vote to be approved.

'Bertolino' (cont. from page 1)

Coming from New York where space is a premium, Bertolino says the president's house is too big for what he needs to live in and has an idea of what to do with the extra space.



Photo courtesy of LSC
LSC's new president, Joe Bertolino

"My plan is essentially to live upstairs. What we will do is set up the downstairs so that it can be used for events and functions for the community," he said stressing that whatever changes are made to the house will be "cost efficient."

When Bertolino returns to campus he will walk through the house again with Tom Archer,

the physical plant director, to see what changes can be made.

As well as checking on the living arrangement during his next visit, Bertolino will put together a team consisting of staff, administration, faculty, and students to help with the move.

"A small group that could help me with the transition, advise me, give me a sense of what needs to be done now and the best ways to move forward as I come into Lyndon and what I can be doing over the next three or four months before I even start," he said. "I'm in the throes now of developing a 120 day plan for my first couple of months so that I can lay out what I need to do and where I need to be and who I need to meet."

Bertolino is doing all of this while still maintaining his job at QC as well as finding his own replacement and while it is still early in the process, he admits that juggling it all might get a bit complicated.

"It'll probably be a bit challenging," he said. "It can probably be a bit overwhelming because you are in two places. I'm not too worried about it, it comes with the territory. I've done transitions before and I'm particularly excited about this one."

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Baseball Team Strikes Out on NY Trip

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State College's baseball team is looking to rebound from its weekend trip to Yaphank, New York.

The Hornets were swept in their exhibition contests, losing by a combined score of 41-11, including a 20-3 loss to Mountain St. Mary of New York.

Freshman third baseman Alex Gauthier sees the trip as a fruitful experience for the team, regardless of the final scores.

"It was a great thing for the

team because we stayed in the hotel together, got to know each other... we just bonded as a team," Gauthier said.

The opposing scores are certainly high, which reflects poorly on the team's pitching. Freshman pitcher Mason Brewer does not see it as a concern, however.

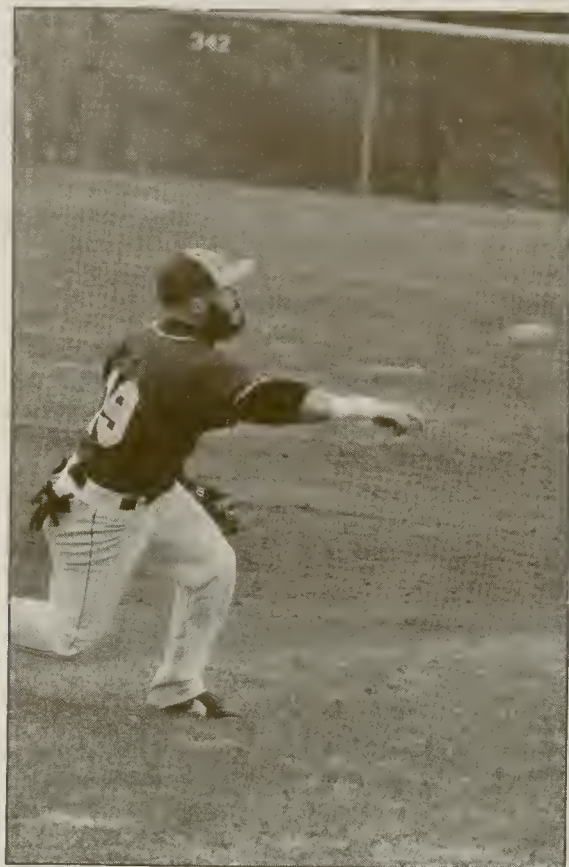
"I thought we did pretty well. The score doesn't portray how well our pitching did. We had our jams, but we got out of most of them," Brewer said.

In fact, the vibe from the team seems to be confident.



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Jeremy Rocheleau (right) and Patrick Hilton (below), when he returns from injury, will look to help the team get back on their feet after three tough losses on the road to start their season.



Gauthier certainly is not panicking from the early-season exhibition losses.

"It's early in the season. We're just getting a feel for each other out there. We're going to expect some good games, we're going to expect games where we can do better, but I see a lot of potential for this team," Gauthier said.

Brewer expresses a similar notion to Gauthier, but given his pitching background, offers a little more bias on the situation.

"I think we'll be competi-

tive because we have experience, and we have young arms... We have experienced arms against the teams we're going to play," Brewer said.

An advantage that the team has is its mix of upperclassmen and underclassmen. The younger athletes, like Brewer and Gauthier, can learn from more experienced players. In fact, Brewer has learned an invaluable lesson from the vets on the team: to have self-confidence.

"I think to be confident is

what I picked up from them, because if you're nervous, you're going in, panic, and start throwing... We're on this team for a reason, so we know we can pitch," Brewer said.

The time draws near to see if team's pre-season performance is a sign of things to come, or just a bump in the road. Opening day for the Hornets will feature a double-header on Saturday, March 17. First pitch will be at Mass Maritime starting at 1:00 p.m., followed by another contest at 3:30 p.m.

Conditioning is Key to LAX Success

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

With nine seniors on this year's Men's lacrosse team, expectations are much higher for this season than last.

The Hornets lacrosse team struggled to get wins last year, as they had a record of 2-9. The Hornets did managed to make it into the playoffs, but ended up losing 22-3.

Senior captain Caleb Noble, a midfielder, says that last season was a really tough one for all of

the guys involved.

"As a team last year, it was very disappointing," Noble said. "We've never really meshed well together."

With the addition of a few new freshman, and a lot of experienced gained by a large group of returning players, Noble says that he sees this team fairing a lot better than they did the year before.

"Our goal is to be a 500 team," said Noble. "We have the ability and the talent on this team, we just need to put it all

together and play better as a team."

The team runs a lot of free-range offensive plays, with the hope that ball movement and teamwork can help generate confusion on defense for opponents, and goals on offense for the Hornets.

This year, the team has been focusing on their cardio and conditioning, which Noble says will improve the team's play during games.

"We're trying to be more conditioned this year," Noble

said. "Last year, we were able to keep up with teams in the first half. In the second half, we gave up a lot of stupid penalties and let teams back in the game, and that was because we were tired and not conditioned as well as we would like to be this year."

When asked what the team could improve upon, Noble gave a pretty straightforward answer. "Everything," he said. "No team is perfect, and there is a lot of stuff we could work on. I know we can be a good team, it's just going to come down to commu-

nication as a team, and if we communicate well, we're going to play well and win games."

"The difference between this year and last year is that we are going to be a more disciplined team, and that comes from conditioning. We are going to play smarter, harder, and much better than we did last year."

The team will begin their season two weeks from this Saturday, as they have their first game against Green Mountain College.

Hockey Budget Falls Through the Ice

Shera Howe
Critic Correspondent

The cuts the hockey team will face in its budget next year may have repercussions for members in the years to come.

Hockey is an extremely expensive sport. A lot of money goes into maintaining the equipment and rink, but it was the issue of transportation costs (around \$10,000) that caused contention among SGA members.

While the club asks for at least \$30,000 a year, around 25 percent of the SGA's budget, the way it's used seems to be a problem for SGA members.

The team's advisor, Associate Dean Jonathan Davis, explained that the transportation issue isn't one that can be easily resolved. The proposed issue of using school buses is seemingly an unsolvable one, since all local schools have fully-booked schedules with their own sports teams in the winter.

Moreover, using the school vans presents a safety issue con-

sidering the fact that the team often travels as late as 2 a.m. in bad weather, and would have to have a student driver. According to Davis, the price for a chartered bus isn't significantly more than for a school bus and is more accessible, making it a preferred option despite the price.

This isn't to say that the club as a whole doesn't understand the budget cuts. Davis and senior player Andrew Saltarella both acknowledged their understanding about the difficulty with club financing, although Saltarella voiced his concern over the fact that alternate modes of transportation weren't more researched before being brought up.

SGA President Nick Russo made clear that the cuts weren't some sort of personal vendetta, and were less concerned about the SGA's financial resources and more about concern over the transportation issue.

Saltarella, despite the fact that he will be graduating this year, has some concerns about the future of the club. With the

proposed cuts, the \$250 dues paid each season by members would rise to twice as much, or more, per season.

"Some players who could afford the two-fifty won't be able to afford five or seven hundred," Salterella said.

Each competitive player on the team pays for his own equipment, which amounts to hundreds of dollars in gear and \$100-200 for each stick, as well as \$250 in dues each season and any food or other expenses incurred while traveling.

Due to the fact that they do ask for so much money each year, the club understands its obligation to express gratefulness for SGA's aid and to provide extra programming, such as the very well-attended free skate sessions it holds with C.A.B.

Other members take time to do different kinds of community service, as in one case where the club spent a lot of time with younger students teaching them how to skate.

Regardless of the situation, Davis is opti-



Photo by Eric Blaisdell
An LSC hockey player gets hit during a game this past season. The hockey team's budget for next year will take a hit.

mistic about the future of the club, and hopes that it will be able to continue the way it has been. It operates at the varsity level, requiring members to sign a contract guaranteeing high academic and personal conduct,

and has stayed a strong club for the past fifteen years.

No matter what happens, Davis is satisfied with the club has done so far.

"We are very proud of what we've accomplished," Davis said.

A Heart for A Hawk

John Kazar
Alex Farnworth
Critic Columnists

Thomas Robinson, a forward for the number-three ranked Kansas Jayhawks, has endured a lot in the past year, and not just on the court.

Robinson, now a junior, had to somehow deal with losing both his beloved grandparents in a span of just three days during the middle of his sophomore season. Then, the unimaginable happened. Just five days after the passing of his grandfather, his mother, Lisa, died unexpectedly, leaving Robinson in charge of his nine-year-old sister Jayla, who lived half way across the country.

Thomas managed to somehow play against Texas the day after his mother passed. Not much was expected as he only scored two points, and the emotions could be seen as he accumulated four fouls in just eight minutes played.

Kansas coach, Bill Self, was very supportive of his player during those

dark times. He was there when Robinson's grandparents died, he was there shortly after Robinson got the call from Jayla, telling Robinson that his mother had collapsed, and he was there for the funeral.

Sometimes Self would notice that Robinson was distracted in practice. But Self knew that he could not let himself get distracted in the challenges Robinson was facing.

During the summer after his sophomore season, Robinson, a hard worker by nature, was fueled by the need to provide for his sister. He averaged three workout sessions per day, including one with himself, big men, and one with the guards.

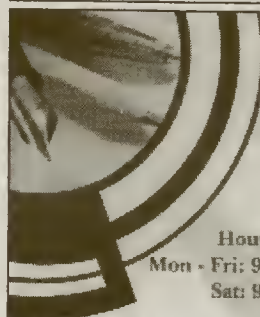
Now, the same player who averaged eight points a game and six rebounds as a sophomore is now averaging 18 and 12 respectively. Robinson is also a front-runner for the National Player of the Year this season, and with all that he's gone through, the sky is the limit for he and the Kansas Jayhawks.

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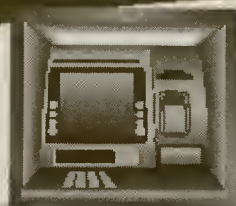
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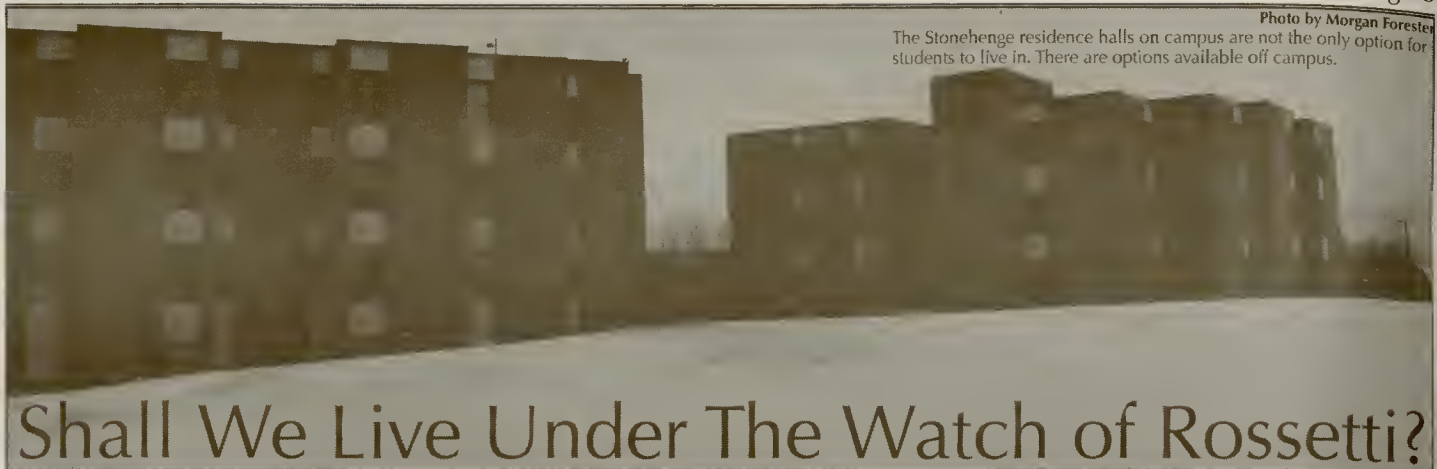


Photo by Morgan Forester
The Stonehenge residence halls on campus are not the only option for students to live in. There are options available off campus.

Shall We Live Under The Watch of Rossetti?

Sarah Aube
Critic Correspondent

While he hates the icy cold drive to campus from his apartment, Lyndon State College senior, Curtis Brown, says living off campus is worth it.

Kirstie Venne, LSC junior who currently lives on campus, tried moving off campus, but came back to the residence halls after less than a month away because she missed the social interactions.

Out of the 1,429 students at LSC, 775 of them live off-campus.

"Having to get into your car when its freezing sucks," says Brown, who has lived off campus for the past two years. "Having to pay for gas to drive to school every day is a big negative too."

Venne agrees that living on campus makes life easier, especially when there are bad weather conditions.

"You don't even have to have a car," said Venne. "You don't have to come back and forth."

Another aspect that is different living on campus compared to off-campus is the social interactions.

Venne has lived on campus for the past three years. She briefly moved into an apartment at the beginning of her sophomore year before realizing it wasn't for her and returned to campus.

"I felt too disconnected from people," said Venne, who says that her suite became her family during her freshman year.

However, independence is one factor that often causes students to choose to live in off-campus housing.

"People aren't doing rounds through their apartments, for sure," Director of residential life, Erin Rossetti, says.

One off-campus LSC junior, Andrew Cochran, stayed on campus for his first two years and is now renting an apart-

ment for the first time this year, after getting married this past summer.

He says he does not feel that he is missing on any social interactions by living off-campus.

"If I want to do something, it's like a three minute drive, so I'll just come up," says Cochran. "I still maintain friendships with people."

Another thing that students might think about when making this choice is the cost of living on-campus versus off-campus.

To have a standard double room in Stonehenge costs \$5,030 per year. When dividing that by the nine months that a student stays on campus in a year, the cost per month for staying on campus is \$559.

This does not include the meal plan which, for unlimited meals, costs \$1,708 or \$189 per month for the school year. For the cheapest plan, eight meals a week, students pay \$1,581, or \$175 per month.

Brown said that he is definitely saving money by living off-campus, even while taking out loans to cover his rent. He pays \$200 a month, splitting the apartment's \$800 rent four ways between him and his three roommates, one of them his girlfriend.

"I always take out a refund check for more [than tuition] and I had to take out less of a loan to live off-campus," said Brown.

Cochran lives in a one bedroom apartment with his wife, and they pay \$700 a month with everything included. This is \$350 per month per person.

"It's certainly more expensive in the short term," says Cochran of living off-campus "because you have to take money out of pocket right away, but in the long term it's much much cheaper because I'm taking out less loans."

Cochran says his wife and him pay from \$350 to \$400 per month on food, which is similar to what they would pay on campus for a meal plan and no extra groceries.

Venne says she finds it easier to just add her room and board onto her schools bills.

The amount of financial aid that a student receives does not change if they get an apartment rather than live on campus.

"Financial Aid for a particular student would be identical regardless of whether or not they live on-campus in a dorm, or off-campus at a residence separate from their parents," said LSC financial aid officer David Martin. "They are considered to have the same cost of room and board calculated into their cost of attendance."

The only time the amount of financial aid awarded to a student would be affected by their living situation is if the student would be living at home with their parents.

Another thing that students who rent apartments might worry about is having renter's insurance.

Renter's insurance can cover your property in the case of damage or theft as well as provide you with liability insurance in case you are responsible for damage to the building or people in it.

Brown says he hasn't bothered with renters insurance because, "I didn't want to pay for it and the house is already pretty crappy."

For the lowest amount of renter's insurance you can get, \$15,000 property coverage and \$100,000 liability coverage, it costs an average of \$125 per year or about \$10 per month.

THE LAW OF THE LANDLORD

Many college students like to drink,

think everyone should experience," said LSC freshman Erika Eddy. It offers more space, if arranged with space in mind. Same works for a triple. However, now sharing a room, respect for one another is mandatory. Disrespect a roommate by either disrupting their schedules

and smoke, and just get plain old rowdy.

This causes landlords to be reluctant to rent to students from Lyndon State College in some cases.

"They tend to not follow the lease and allow as many friends to crash there as they want," says landlord, Aine Baker. "They don't understand that all those extra people cost a lot in water and sewer bills and they do a lot more damage."

Aine Baker of Northeast Kingdom Property Management manages a dozen buildings in the Northeast Kingdom, including buildings in Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury.

Baker says he does rent to college students if their application passes, though often a parent is required to co-sign.

However, he has sometimes had some trouble with them. Baker however says that he runs into problems with other tenants too, not just college students.

"They think we don't have any bills and can afford to take care of everything," says Baker. "They don't realize we have a mortgage, taxes, insurance, water and sewer bills, and repairs."

Another thing that has to be dealt with, as a landlord, is evictions.

"If a tenant is late 10 days, we start eviction proceedings with the court," says Baker. "When they lose, we take them to small claims court and then the judgment goes to a collection agency and also goes on their credit report and is in the court documents as an eviction."

However, if the tenant pays the rent that is due before the eviction is processed, the claims must be dropped.

"It's not a pretty process for the tenant," says Baker. "Be responsible enough to follow the contract that you signed and you won't have any problems."

or breaking the contract is where people begin to hate having a roommate.

It's a lot to get used to, living with a roommate and sharing the limited space given. Some don't mind it, others switch rooms. Every student will find some way to survive dorm life.

Get Used To It Or Get Out

Kelly O'Brien
Critic Correspondent

Living with a roommate isn't something everyone can handle in college, not to mention having two roommates.

Multiple things can affect the dorm life, the biggest being the roommate. For the first time in many students' lives they have to share a room with someone else. This means sharing space, schedules, and very limited privacy. Living on campus at LSC, the options of dorm types are: single, double, and triple. Most of the freshman class is automatically assigned a double.

Space wise, a single is the smallest and a triple the largest. LSC sophomore Courtland Hanley said when asked about the benefits of living in a triple room,

"One benefit is a much larger room. Also, you don't have to bring as many things from home if you all agree on who brings what." Each room definitely brings its own benefits.

The single allows the most privacy of the three, also there is not sleep schedule needing to be followed and not restrictions of room set up. Jess Curley, LSC freshman who just recently moved into a single said, "I really love having my own privacy and being able to do what I need when I need to do it without having to worry about someone else and their schedule."

The double is an experience to live with someone. They are there for when you need a shoulder to cry on or a person to laugh at a joke. "It's an experience I



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Housing Options Lacking Diversity

Morgan Forester
Web Editor

A wide diversity of students call Lyndon State College home, but for students with families there are no on-campus housing options available.

Many LSC students have a lifestyle that doesn't fit the current residential options at Lyndon. There are students who have families of their own, whether married or not there is not a residential hall or even a suite that is suitable for students with children.

Several students attending LSC have children and families of their own. Luckily many of them live locally and have the assistance of family members. But there is the question of whether or not they would benefit from family housing arrangements on campus where daycare is provided.

Jeanne Peters, an early education major, commutes from an hour away. This is already a stretch for the average student, but on top of her commute, she has a three-year-old son she needs to get ready for daycare. This means getting up an extra two hours early to get her family ready and out the door so she can get to her classes on time. She says it's rough but better than the alternative.

"I know some students who have moved their whole families just to go to school here," says Peters. "It's difficult to find an apartment and move everyone to a strange place."

Although Peters has found a way to make her family living situation work with her school schedule, she believes family housing should be a high priority for LSC.

There are also students who are engaged when they come to Lyndon. The current housing policy states:

"Unmarried students under the age of 24 who are accepted to Lyndon as new students are required to live on campus for two consecutive academic years."

According to this policy,

even if these students live together at home as an engaged couple, there is no space in the residence halls for them to live together in the same room the way they would at home.

Aja Lessard, a senior psychology and human services major, is all too familiar with this housing issue as she spent almost two years of her engagement to her ex-fiancé living in the dorms.

"The first year we were engaged we were [living] in separate buildings," says Lessard. "It was annoying because we were living together at home, but on campus we had to stay separate. Instead he basically lived in my room."

The following year Lessard and her ex-fiancé moved into a gender-neutral suite in Rita Bole Complex but were still assigned separate rooms. Lessard says this arrangement "was much better" but also said "[s]huffling back and forth was a pain that I hated."

According to Lessard there were many other engaged couples her freshman year at Lyndon who faced similar issues.

Residential Life has already got these issues on their radar.

Residential Life Director, Erin Rossetti, says there has been some discussion about the possibility of adding accommodations for alternative student housing. Rossetti believes that in the past there had been alternative housing, located in the Grey House, for women with children or families but cannot confirm this as it was before she came to work for Residential Life.

As for present day family housing, there just isn't room for it in the existing buildings.

"The infrastructure of what we have on campus right now just doesn't fit a model for [family housing]... living in a suite in Stonehenge isn't really conducive to having children or a spouse who doesn't go to school here," says Rossetti.

There has been an effort to accommodate married couples that wish to live together

on campus. The couple may opt for gender-neutral housing in Rita Bole Complex as Lessard and her ex-fiancé did. Rossetti recognizes that it is not the double room living situation that would be preferred but as of now it is the only option.

Discussion of building a new residence hall on the property on McGoff Hill owned by the college has also stirred ideas of alternative or family housing units. Rossetti confirms that the idea of family housing has come up in these discussions. According to Rossetti there are lots of ideas floating around but nothing has been finalized for the property.

The Residence Hall Association, a group of students, advised by Rossetti, and a part of the SGA, is mulling over the idea of making double rooms gender-neutral. There is concern about making these rooms available in residence halls other than Rita Bole.

"For Rita Bole it's nice because its six people so you can easily find six people who want to live together. In Stonehenge it is fourteen people to a suite so it's a little bit harder to find fourteen people that want to live in a gender-neutral suite and they don't have private bathrooms," says Rossetti.

She continues, "It's not that we are opposed to it or that we're not thinking about it, it's just that given what we have for space it's really hard to make that work at this point."

In the mean time, students who are engaged will have to settle for gender-neutral suites and students with families will continue to seek off campus housing.

For those needing assistance with on and/or off campus housing options Residential Life is happy to help. Elaine Fournier, who works at the front desk of the Residential Life office, provides a list of up to date off campus housing listings in the area.

Culture Week



Photo by Marc Samson

In a presentation sponsored by the Mountain Recreation Department, Mahmoud Jabari speaks to a group of students, faculty and staff about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

International Students Grade Lyndon

Olivia Hamel
Critic Correspondent

Lyndon State College international students have been invited to critique their experiences here at Lyndon, and will be doing so today at 3:00 in the Rita Bole Community Room.

LSC has about a dozen international students and a handful of them will be partaking in this panel to describe their own experiences here at Lyndon regarding what has worked or hasn't for them as individuals.

"We do something like this about once a year, under the heading, Learning from our Students," stated Donna Dalton, dean of academic and student affairs. "The reason for doing so is to see what's worked, what hasn't worked and where we can do better."

This panel allows for the improvement in the atmosphere for students who are in a foreign environment.

Last year traditional students were provided with the same opportunity to critique the school

and allow for necessary changes and growths to take place.

At LSC, international students are provided with learning experiences that effectively tailor the experience to the needs of each individual student Dalton said.

Accounting for the language barrier, Chinese students that arrived this year have been provided with the opportunity to take an E.S.L (English Second Language) course both semesters. Dalton said that professors have been working with students and tailoring the class to fit each individual student's particular needs.

"What we have been trying to do is to tailor what it is we provide specifically. We have so few students, it is crucial to identify what is it that they need, and then we figure out how to provide them with that," said Dalton.

The panel that the international students will be running today will be a way to pinpoint and identify any issues and proactively provide students with the proper solutions.

Gone Fishin'

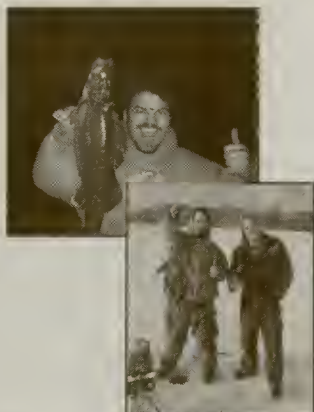
Bryan White
Critic Correspondent

The time for catching trout is heading out.

This coming weekend is the Vermont fish and wildlife's cutoff for the trout-fishing season. So most of the local ice fishermen are getting their ice shanties and tip-up poles ready for the last weekend to catch trout.

Last weekend Zack Lanoue, a Lyndonville resident, woke up bright and early to get on the ice before 8 a.m. When he gets on the ice the first thing he does is start a fire in his ice shanty. For those of you who don't know what an ice shanty is, it's a shack or homemade shed used to protect you from the cold weather out on the ice. The next thing Lanoue does is use his gas powered auger or drill, to put holes in the ice so he can set up his tip ups. Tip-ups are a type of fishing pole made for ice fishing where you set it up with bait and set it at the depth you want depending on what you want to catch. When the line is pulled a flag goes up so you know what tip-up has a fish biting. Depending on the lake you are usually allowed to set up eight tip-ups. Then you get to play the waiting game sitting around looking for flags on your tip-ups.

For those people that have never



Photos by Bryan White

Above: Zach Lanoue shows off a fish. Right: Lanoue and Nick Thomson are happy about their catch.

been ice fishing, Lanoue has some advice for you.

"For a good day you want to dress in layers, bring some food that you can cook up if you don't catch anything, also I love bringing booze and some friends because it's better to share the experience."

Lanoue who grew up fishing says, "Don't give up if you don't catch anything it's still a lot of fun and better than any day at work."

Since it is the end of the trout season don't be disappointed if you don't catch a big trout just enjoy the fun time with close friends because you can still have a great time without catching anything.

The List:

Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion

Yvonne Black
Critic Columnist

1) Leggings and a t-shirt DO NOT constitute an outfit. Don't get me wrong—there is a time and a place for this ensemble. Times like when you're sick...and places like in your bedroom. "But it's so comfortable!" Maybe for your ass, but my eyes are uncomfortable just looking at you. Dress how you want to be perceived, because like it or not, people judge.

2) POST YOUR REAL INTERESTS ON PINTREST. Okay, if you don't know what Pinterest is, it is a relatively new form of social networking where the account holder can design his or her own virtual bulletin boards. Sound cool? It could be—except every board I see has pictures of

anorexic models entitled "thinspiration," hundreds of wedding gowns under "my dream wedding," or fancy food photos entitled "yumyum in my tumtum." YOU ARE NOT ALL MARTHA STEWART—and if you were you would have a board about how to spice up the décor in a jail cell. Point is, give baked goods and wedding dresses a break, and post interests that show how unique you are.

3) If the money in clothes jar is dangerously low, focus on buying staples. I'm not talking about office supplies, I'm talking key wardrobe pieces. A great denim jacket might cost more than two or three blouses, but that one piece can transform an evening dress into day wear or add some edge to a boring t-shirt.

STAND OUT STYLE

Twin LSC freshmen Hannah and Olivia Hamel are proof that being fashionable doesn't need to be pricey.

Style:

"Classic, office-chic,"—Hannah
"Indie trendy,"—Olivia

What Hannah is wearing:

Ring and heels: Charlotte Russe
Blouse, blazer, and earrings: Goodwill
Slacks: JCPenny

What Olivia is wearing:

Belt, earrings: Goodwill
Jeans, blouse: Target
Heels: Charlotte Russe

Style Icons: Stephanie and Melissa Zuela, bloggers on "The Fashion Citizen"



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Ryan's Review

"Some Nights" by Fun

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Staff

Fun: 1. *Adjective:* Amusing, Entertaining, or Enjoyable.

2. *Noun:* The latest indie buzz band to have a number 1 hit comprised of a former lead singer of the Format, the front man of Steel Train, and a few other members of other bands to form some sort of indie/pop super group.

Now before I go on sound more like pretentious hipster, I have to say Fun is a fantastic band, and their 2009 debut *Aim and Ignite* is a favorite of mine and has been for a while. With that being said, *Some Nights* is a step in a somewhat new, but at the same time unfamiliar direction.

Fun has often been described as the second coming of Queen, or a modern version of them at least, and you can see the large parallels between the two acts in sound and structure. The opening track for example, which is aptly titled "Some Nights Intro", has an extremely Queen-esque feel to it. For one, front

man Nate Ruess sounds a hell of a lot like Freddie Mercury, it's uncanny. The other connections are from the use of a piano and other classical instruments, and the chiming in of other band members forming a pitch perfect chorus all leading to a beautiful crescendo to finish the track.

This album is a bit spotty from here on out though. There are moments where Ruess' vocals are autotuned during certain songs ala T-Pain and I have to say it's just unnecessary by all means. It just seems so out of place for a band with such talent, especially with their vocalist. That being said, I absolutely dislike their track "It Gets Better." It's not a mess by any means, but it just feels so out of place to me, it's so effects heavy, and for a band who doesn't need it I just find it to be so pointless and dry. The other random moments of auto tune in songs like "Carry On," "Some Nights," and the dreadful ending of "Stars" just are unbearable to me. The effect is nice when used sparingly or entertainment purposes, but here it just doesn't click for me.

Another nice highlight of their album is their hit single "We Are Young" featuring the very talented Janelle Monáe. I'm willingly not taking the hipster stance on this song for the reason that it's just such a well performed song. It's a bit of an ear worm. I do dislike the fact that Glee got their hands all over it, which may or may not have pushed Fun to the top of the charts, but that's neither here nor there. The song is just a good ol' fashioned anthemic piece of art, for lack of a better word there. It embraces the whole "You only live once" thing going around with people and it's absolute advertising bait. I am glad it's gotten a band as talented as Fun exposure. Not to mention the steady drum beat for this song is just perfect, along with Ruess' fantastic voice. You really see both end of the spectrum for him in this one.

Overall *Some Nights* is an enjoyable album. It has some aspects, such as the pointless autotuning that just don't work

SOME NIGHTS



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with a group with a far different type of sound, but that is outshined by the pure talent of the group as a whole. Also if you've been waiting for a new Queen album with Freddie on vocals, this is the closest you'll probably get next to the band's 2009 debut.

7/10

Tracks You'll Enjoy: "Some Nights Intro," "We are Young (feat. Janelle Monáe)," "All Alright"

Tracks To Skip: "Stars," "It Gets Better"

Alexandre the Great: Tour Guide

Kexin Xie
Critic Correspondent

If you missed the LSC trip to Italy and Spain, don't feel bad; you will have the chance to go to Australia and New Zealand in June.

Led by professor of history, Alexandre Strokhanov, 15 LSC students packed their bags and experienced the first international trip offered this year to Italy and Spain. The trip lasted from Feb. 17 to Feb. 25, and students traveled to famous cities like Rome, Florence and Barcelona. They visited well-known places like Vatican City, the Rome Forum, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The trip earned students one general education credit without any paper writings or exams.

"Be prepared for jam-packed," says Margaret George, a junior LSC student who went on the trip. "You would have lots of things to do, and wouldn't have much free time."

"We also went to many museums," says George. It was a good opportunity to learn about those historical places with Professor Strokhanov, as he had traveled to those places many times before.

According to the traveling schedule, students had daily programs that told them where to

visit, how long they would stay at one place, and when to move on. However, it was not that strict. After the everyday program, students could go anywhere they wanted, and do whatever things they liked.

Some people may wonder how students spent their night time in those two countries, as the age limit of drinking in Italy is 16, and 18 for Spain.

"The students should remember they are representing the school," says Strokhanov, "so they need to watch their behavior."

Also, coming in November, there will be a nine-day long trip to Costa Rica for one credit that still has space available.



Photo courtesy of Margaret George

Olivia Hastings, Shelby Hayes, Jill Canalia, Margaret George, Marie-Clare Pellissier, Ashley Fortin, Victoria Harshman, Whitney Richardson, Katy Crooks, Ashley Macauley, Haley Masure, Molly Anderson, Dellani Simpson and Anna Mumford all pose for a picture during their LSC trip to Pisa, Italy.

Fit With Forester: Just Breathe



Morgan Forester
Web Editor

Maybe I'm just in a funk, but lately there have been lots of small things that seem to get under my skin in a big way. I let these things get the best of me and usually this ruins my day. I have decided this low mood of mine needs to stop, so I am breathing it out.

I began taking yoga classes this week. It was awkward at first. I didn't know anyone or the majority of the poses, but as the class went on, I let that fear and anxiety of making a mistake go. I took deeper breaths and

just relaxed. It felt amazing to focus on nothing but the stretch or pose I was doing, and my breathing; myself. It may sound selfish, saying that you are only focusing on yourself, but sometimes it's a necessary thing. Perhaps if we all spent a little more time with ourselves we could all be a little more patient with the world, with others, and how it all affects us. Namaste.

Exercise of the Week: Plank

Plank is a basic exercise position. High plank is also known as push-up position while low plank (resting on the elbows) is what most people think of when told to get into a plank position. The challenge this week is to see how many ways you can use plank. Do a plank hold in both high and low plank for 30 seconds each. See what happens if you lift a leg or an arm. Alternate

between high and low planks and see how fast you can move between the two. If you're strong enough, try an elevated plank resting your feet on the edge of your bedframe instead of the floor. Whatever you choose, get planking.

Recipe of the Week:

Crock Pot Chicken and Dumplings

It may not be the healthiest of foods but it is a comforting, "good for the soul" kind of food. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breast halves, skinless and boneless
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 small can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1 (10 ounce) pre-made/refrigerated biscuit dough like Pillsbury Buttermilk biscuits

Directions:

1. Put chicken, soup, onions and butter into the crockpot.
2. Add enough water to cover the ingredients then cover and cook on High for 4-5 hours.
3. 30 minutes before serving tear up the biscuit dough into small pieces and add to the crock pot.
4. Continue cooking until the dough pieces are cooked all the way through (about 30 mins)

Health Tip: Get some frozen veggies in a steamer bag. Cook them a few minutes before serving the chicken and dumplings and add the veggies to your plate. It's a simple way to get your veggies in and becomes part of the dish if you mix the two.

Activity of the Week:

Become a Yogi

No, I don't mean become a cartoon bear! Try out some yoga and/or deep breathing and see if it makes a difference for you the way it has for me. There is a free class being offered this Sunday, March 11, 4:30 p.m. at Satyaloka studio in Lyndonville. The studio is above The Grindstone Café. They may be tight for space but if you can get in take advantage of it. There is also Heart Space Yoga Studio in Saint Johnsbury. They offer classes at a variety of times for 13 dollars per drop-in class. If you don't have the money, stay in and look up classes on YouTube. There are plenty of online instructions. And, when all else fails...just breathe.

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Ponies Prance From HAC

Jesilyn Amsden
Critic Staff

Just before February break, one of the Harvey Academic Center labs experienced a change in the art normally produced from students; it was brought to attention that a group of students were downloading My Little Pony material off the Internet and using lab resources to print for personal use.

Harry Mueller, assistant professor in the Visual Arts Department, was unsure what to make of the unusual subject being printed. He admits to having limited knowledge about My Little Pony.

"The problem isn't with the topic; it's that these students printed materials on our lab printers using paper and ink that is strictly used only if those students are in the visual arts department. Our visual arts students pay a lab fee for the privilege of using the printers and associated supplies," said Mueller.

Labs around campus have a printing

quota that pops up for each student when they login so each user is aware and it conserves the waste of multiple prints. The labs in the Visual Arts Department, however, are only open to those students with permission. The resources available are therefore based on lab fees included in the class or tuition.

The individuals responsible for the recent printing have apologized and stated that they were just fans of their childhood memories. Mueller was thankful to now know the reason behind the printing.

"The amount of material used was less than one ream of paper and about \$10 worth of ink. To date this situation has stopped and we will continue to monitor the labs. We all have responsibilities to conserve paper and resources so we can keep lab fees to a minimum."

My Little Pony is a brand of rubber toy ponies that were introduced in the eighties with colorful designs and acces-



Photo by Jesilyn Amsden
My Little Pony pictures, such as this one, are found in a recycling bin after being printed from a HAC printer.

sories. To date, there is also a film and television series.

People of all ages are interested in this product. Young children are introduced to the toys of their parent's childhood and some adults remain interested mainly in remembrance of their fun youth times.

There is also another category of fans that involves individuals who call themselves Bronies or "Bro Ponies". It consists of mainly middle-aged men who enjoy the TV series and may follow the show, collect ponies, or meet or blog with others with the same interest.

Drunk and Helpless: Alcohol Policy Behind the Times

Dana Berlin
Entertainment Editor

Schools around the United States have made the beginning steps to having more student-friendly alcohol policies on their campuses, but LSC is not one of those yet.

"Students who are documented [that means innocent until proven responsible for the charges] for being publicly intoxicated may be summoned for a hearing," said Jonathan Davis, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "The hearing officer [RHD, Director of Residential Life, Associate Dean or Hearing Panel] may, if the student is found to be responsible for the charges, assign a variety of educa-

tional sanctions including, but not limited to a warning, community service, on-line education modules, a research paper, probation, eviction or college dismissal."

Schools like Syracuse University are adopting a new alcohol policy, which would be more lenient on the students, and makes them less afraid to contact their campus security.

An article published in The Daily Orange, an independent student newspaper at the university said, "Students in alcohol-related emergencies will soon be able to call for help without fear of punitive action on first offense."

The policy at Syracuse University would allow students who need medical

attention to call, or have someone call, without receiving any judicial punishment on their first offense.

The article continues to state, "Rather than facing probation on first offense of extreme intoxication, a student in need of medical transport would be reprimanded. The reprimanding would include a meeting with the Office of Judicial Affairs to discuss the incident that led to medical assistance." But that is all.

Students here at Lyndon State College believe there should be a policy like that in affect for them as well.

"I believe a change to the alcohol policy would be a good idea because let's face it, we're in college, and



Photo illustration by Dana Berlin
LSC has not adopted a student-friendly alcohol policy.

odds are a lot of teenagers make the decision to drink, and the campus police shouldn't crack down as hard for a first offense," said sophomore Daniel Weiner.

Other students have similar ideas about the situation. Junior Chris Martin said "It would benefit the students with a change like this. People don't have to put themselves in the amount of danger they do if a policy like this was in place. Maybe there would be less drunk driving accidents."

Your Voice On Paper

Adam Brothers
Critic Staff

Contrary to popular belief, professor evaluations don't get thrown out the window.

Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Donna Dalton, is the recipient of all professor evaluations. She reviews each one thoroughly and discerningly to create a holistic impression of professors and to maintain the effectiveness of their instruction.

"We make it absolutely clear that excellence in teaching is paramount. They [potential professors] cannot be just good. They have to be excellent," said Dalton.

Once professors begin, it's most influential for students to provide honest feedback

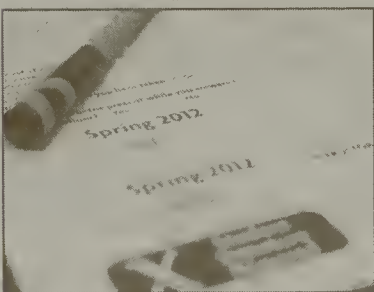


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An evaluation for professors. It is useful.

regarding the class and professor. There's no more straightforward of a way to express one's opinion towards a class and professor than in a formal review.

If Dalton notices a trend in negative reviews for a particular professor, she relays the findings to the head of their respective department and the president of the college. From there, appropriate measures are taken to correct instruction to make it more effective for students.

Specific details of professor's evaluations are protected by the Collective Bargaining Act.

With so many reviews for various courses and professors being submitted at once, it may seem as though one opinion won't make a difference, but this is false. Expansive time and energy is involved in reviewing all evaluations, therefore Dalton urges students to speak their minds honestly.

"Student evaluations are unbelievably important. I take them very seriously," she said.

Dalton recognizes the opinions of students, and insists upon truthful communication and involvement.

"I hope that students would be absolutely honest because this is information that is critical," Dalton said.

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SGA EXEC. BOARD PRAYING FOR PAY DAY

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

All four executive board members of the Student Government Association have filed letters of intent to receive the maximum possible stipend, an amount of \$1,000.

The money would be taken out of the Student Activities Fee budget, afforded by all Lyndon students, pending approval by the Student Government Body, SGA Advisor Melissa Nelson and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis.

An SGA stipend, which is optional to apply for, is potentially available to executive board members and elected representatives who have served since the beginning of the school year. Executive board members can receive up to \$1,000, and elected representatives can receive an amount not to exceed \$50, according to the SGA constitution.

Members who wished to apply were required to write and sign a letter of intent addressed to the SGA advisor, who then reviews the individual's qualifications and "worthiness" for compensation with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. The deadline to submit for compensation was yesterday.

As of 4 p.m. Thursday, Nelson said she had received letters from Student Government President Nicholas Russo, Executive Vice President Sean Siciliano, Administrative Vice President Meghan Dolyak and Financial Controller Julie Austin. All submitted for the maximum payment of \$1,000. Elected representatives Samantha Lubke, Laura Martin and Nicole Pfahl had filed for a \$50 stipend as well.

Payment of the stipends would come directly out of student's pockets who are forced to pay an annual Student Activities Fee. For the 2011-2012 school year, the fee was set at \$226 per student. Therefore, if all seven applicants are approved to receive a stipend, the total payout would be \$4,150. The fees paid by

over 18 Lyndon students would go to board members and representatives.

"It's money that should go towards us and our clubs," said Victoria Reeves, a sophomore and Business Director at WWLR. "I thought it was a rumor at first. It's just not right," she said.

Reeves also cited that many clubs have seen a reduction in their budgets for next year, including the Anime club who received only \$50. "If it was me, I wouldn't take it," she said.

Freshman Eli Hantzis agrees.

"I think the Board members should refund it back to the students. Everyone should get an equal amount. We all work hard," Hantzis said.

"As much as I appreciate their work, and I know it's a very demanding position, but should we really be paying them to do it?" said freshman Jeremy Hall. "Student councils weren't paid in high school, so why now?"

Other students who are members of the Student Government Association disagree, stating that their hard work deserves to be rewarded.

"I haven't missed an SGA meeting all year," said Laura Martin, a First Year Representative who submitted for a \$50 stipend. "I go to RHA and I am on the Curriculum Faculty Committee. I do a lot here. I ask friends for their opinion," she said. "I don't do this for money, but looking back now - I guess I deserve \$50."

If Nelson and Davis agree that a candidate is worthy of compensation, a presentation and recommendation will be presented at an upcoming SGA Regular Business Meeting. In order to be approved, the body of the SGA must motion to accept the recommendation presented by both the SGA advisor and Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and determine a dollar value for each candidate.

Editor's Note: Tyler Dumont is an SGA elected representative. He was not eligible for the stipend.



File Photos

Clockwise L to R: Executive board members Nick Russo, Meghan Dolyak, Julie Austin, Sean Siciliano. All board members requested \$1000 as payment for their services this year.

BUDGETING IS MAGICAL

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Not everything the Student Government Association does is laid out in black and white.

The SGA operates under a constitution, but there are a few things that the SGA does that are not a part of it. One of them references a "magic number." The magic number is mentioned in the SGA constitution, but does not spell out exactly what it is and what it does.

The magic number is the amount of money allocated to the SGA for the next year from student activity fees. The SGA then distributes the money amongst the clubs in the budgeting process.

That amount has not been released at the time of this publication because the budget is awaiting approval by LSC President Steve Gold. The budget that is up for approval totals \$107,465

and Julie Austin, the SGA financial controller, said that number was at least \$10,000 under the magic number.

"The idea behind using the magic number is so that reps aren't just going to cut for the sake of cutting," said SGA President Nick Russo. "People might just cut to get to the magic number instead of actually cutting what they thought needed to be cut from the budget."

During budgeting, conducted by the elected representatives, that amount of money is kept secret. Only the SGA executive board and their advisor, Melissa Nelson, know the amount. Russo stated that other SGAs around the country use the same process to keep representatives from finding an easy way out.

"It is not that we don't trust them," he said. "I know I trust the reps to make cuts where cuts need to be made, but it is just a

safety mechanism so that we don't have massive things cut out of the budget just because someone has a personal vendetta or whatever the case may be."

Russo did not know if that sort of scenario would actually happen since he has only known the magic number form of budgeting, but assured that it would be better to have a device such as a magic number in place, just in case.

"Doing it this way makes sense because it means we're fair to everybody," said Laura Martin, a first year elected representative. "We're not biased. We literally take from clubs what we think is proper. We give them what we think is proper and not knowing the magic number is better because we aren't able to just go through half and be nice to half the clubs and mean to the others."

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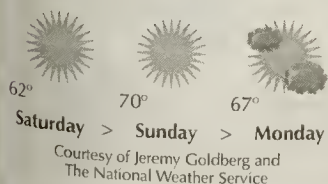
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President's Corner

I Want to Hear from You

Nicholas Russo
Student Body President

The SGA has made great strides this year. With the addition of several new clubs including the Model United Nations Club, the Mountain Bike Club, and the return of the Literary Society and the Gay-Straight Alliance, there are many exciting new opportunities for student involvement. Will women's lacrosse and Quidditch (yes, this is a real sport) become official club sports by the end of the year? I sure hope so. We just completed our budgeting process and although no budget

is perfect, this one meets the needs of most clubs.

My predecessor John Kleinhans has been talking tough about student apathy at Lyndon in his recent columns in this newspaper. Sadly, I have to agree that I too see an unnerving amount of apathy in our student body especially among freshmen and sophomores. Are there exceptions? Absolutely. We have five first year SGA reps, the most we've had in the SGA for many years. I also recognize that many students must hold a job, or multiple jobs, to pay for their education.

However, just this past

week, I was troubled to hear that peer leader applications were down significantly from previous years. The first-year experience office exists, in part, to support the mission of Lyndon to educate first-in-family college students who have little experience with college life.

How can I help you?

At the start of this year, I told myself that if I did nothing else, I wanted to represent the views of the majority of our students. I believe I have done a good job meeting this goal so far, but time is running out to finish strong.

In order to support and represent your views, I want your feedback. If you could change one thing about LSC, what would that be? If there are multiple things you want to see improved, that's great too.

Dr. Joe Bertolino also wants to hear them, and the SGA Board is meeting with him next week to begin the transition process. Lyndon is poised for exciting things and we need your help in shaping our future. Tell me what you want! I want to hear from you. Email me at nicholas.russo@lsc.vsc.edu and let's start or continue this conversation.

Should We Pay Our Student Leaders?

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

There's a required course at Lyndon State College that every matriculated student must take, must pay for, carries no credits toward any degree and yet if students apply themselves, carries

many valuable lessons about life after college. Let's call the course SGA 101, Principles of Student Government.

Like other governments, SGA operates on "taxes" that are forcibly extracted from students at registration. Student government "taxes" are limited to a

maximum set by the Vermont State College and can be set by SGA at any level that does not exceed the maximum. By a strange coincidence, SGA invariably needs the maximum just to make ends meet. Student government could, of course, choose to hand back, say \$50, to every student. But this will never happen.

Another similarity between student government and its real-world counterparts is that it is besieged by supplicants looking for favors. In Washington, this is done by professionals called lobbyists, but in Lyndon, students must do it for themselves.

Often funding requests by student organizations are cut. Because this is such a routine part of the process, many clubs ask for more money than they actually need. The cuts suggest that student government has limited funds and must be careful how they are spent. If this were true, funds would tend to run out.

SGA pays self first

But in the last two years, this careful shepherding of student funds has resulted in excess funds that are pocketed

by the student government president and other members of the executive board.

Again this is good preparation for life as a tax-paying citizen after college. Our elected representatives in Washington set their own salaries and are currently paid about \$174,000, at least four times what the average American earns. Benjamin Franklin, who suggested that elected officials not be paid at all, is undoubtedly rolling over in his grave.

Help for the needy

It would be a nice gesture if student funds, instead of being pocketed by student leaders, were left in the bank for next year. Or maybe the funds could be used to help some needy student of which there are many. If members of the executive board consider themselves needy, perhaps it would have been wiser if they had forgone public office and looked for a part-time evening job instead.

Corrections from previous issue

Last week's letter to the editor was written by Ashley Ahern-McLaine

Joe Bertolino has signed a two-year contract with Lyndon State

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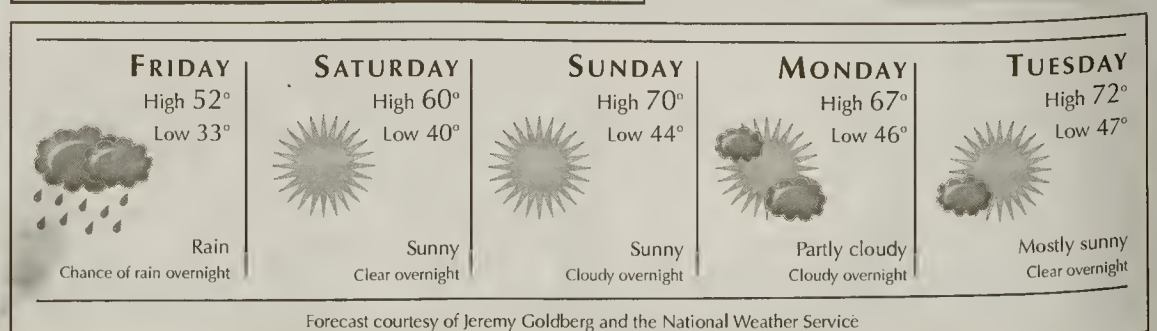
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Be the Next Bill Gates

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

How much money is in your bank account right now?

Most college students' typical response to this question is "not enough," or "what's a bank account?" What if there was a way for you to fill up that bank account while helping to shape the future of technology at Lyndon?

Well, there is and winners receive 700 dollars for first prize, 500 dollars for second prize, 350 dollars for third prize, 250 dollars for fourth prize and 150 dollars for fifth prize.

LSC President Steve Gold has announced a competition named the Lyndon Information Technology Competition. Participants must create a creative response to form a Strategic Information Technology Plan for the next president of Lyndon State College, Joseph Bertolino. Teams of three or more can be made up of faculty, staff, and students and are encouraged to participate and use one another's knowledge to create the best plan for Lyndon.

President Gold stated in an email that "I believe Information Technology is critical to the future of this college, it must be approached from a strategic perspective and IT resources must be used as efficiently

as possible."

Colleges from all across the country are beginning to take a strategic look at their information technology departments. One example of this is the College of Dupage which is located in Illinois. They have created a four year strategic plan solely based on Information Technology. Some of the issues that their plan tries to address are the ability to provide secure access to student information, reduce noise levels in the open labs, and provide group study space with computer access. They also aim to have presentation ability in each classroom and utilize more hybrid classes in their future academics.

As in any competition, there are rules to follow. Submissions are required to be in a narrative form that would describe a process or product that would generate efficiency and effectiveness for the college community in regards to Information Technology. These entries should be no more than 300 words focused on a concept instead of the detailed technical pieces of the proposal. There is also a section required that addresses the current problems within the institution. The due date is Friday, April 6 and all submissions must be emailed to Darcie Miles at Darcie.Miles@lyndonstate.edu.

Long Distance Lovin'

Samantha VanSchoick
Critic Staff

The future president of Lyndon State College might form a support group next year.

"I learned that there are several people who are in commuter relationships so I feel like I have a support group," joked Joe Bertolino in a phone interview about the long distance relationship he will have with Bil Leipold, his partner of 19 years, once he moves to Lyndon to take on the position.

Though most students might not realize this, many of the administrators and professors at LSC do not live on a day-to-day basis with their significant others because of work.

When Bertolino moves to Lyndon, Leipold will be staying at their home in New Jersey while he finishes his doctorate studies. Though Bertolino and Leipold have had a commuter relationship before, this is the farthest distance that has been between them.

If Bertolino needs support, he could speak with Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton, who has been in a commuter marriage for 10 out of the 22 years her and husband Clinton Charron have been married.

Dalton and Charron met at Sugarbush while skiing in the rain.

"Not many people ski in the rain. We both learned something important about each other that day: we are both very serious about skiing," laughed Dalton.

Ten years ago, Dalton lost her job at Trinity College in Burlington because the school closed. Her job search led her to Gannon University in Erie, PA, 480 miles from her home in Whitesfield, VT.

"When I took the job, I said 'Okay, I can do this,' because US Air has this flight that I can take and at

the time I was assuming I would come home every other weekend," Dalton explained. "Literally in the time it took for me to accept the job and move down there, they dropped the flight."

Flying every other weekend became unrealistic, so Dalton and Charron would take turns driving to see each other.

"Very quickly it became I only came home on vacation," said Dalton.

After two and a half years, Dalton found the position at Lyndon. However, Lyndon is still 72 miles from Whitesfield, so Dalton lives in an apartment from Monday to Friday.

"There are so many challenges. You miss things because you're not together—even if you talk everyday, it's still not quite the same as being there day after day after day," said Dalton. "There are things I forget to mention, sometimes its three days or three weeks, and it's like 'Oh I forgot to tell you,' and vice versa. Plus if you actually happen to like your significant other, that's a downside."

Sociology and Anthropology professor Janet Bennion has recently found herself in a commuter relationship. Bennion's husband of 10 years, John Potter, is an Ojibwa artist. Most buyers of his Native American artwork are located in Montana and Wyoming, so he has moved there full time.

"It's just this year that we've engaged in a commuter marital lifestyle because all of his artwork is out west. People just

don't spend money on art here in Vermont, they just don't do it," explained Bennion.

Potter lives in a cabin in Montana, while Bennion currently lives in an apartment in Vermont after her Lyndonville house recently burned down.

Bennion met Potter while visiting her sister in Billings, Montana.

"I read one of his humor columns and saw his photograph and that did it for me," Bennion laughed as she recalled. "So I called him up, we met, and both of us fell instantly in love. A month later we were engaged."

One of the biggest adjustments Bennion has made is learning how to live alone.

"It's kind of difficult when you're accustomed to having your man around every night, so I've kind of had to readjust my thinking," said Bennion.

But being alone comes with benefits. "I'm remembering that I used to like it okay. I used to listen to cool music, so I'm getting back into my old rock and roll roots," explained Bennion. "Incidentally the students are helping me because I've been occasionally going to the Music Monday jams and learning to appreciate Electric Sorcery because its so much like the music I used to listen too."

Bennion believes a key to making a commuter relationship work is to know who you are as an individual.

"You have to strengthen your individ-

uality and identity as a person within the relationship to really thrive. Commuter relationships can work if you do that and just enjoy each other when you can," she said.

Bertolino anticipates traveling to be the hardest part of the commuter relationship lifestyle.

"Honestly, I think the hardest part will be the traveling itself. Because we are both in higher education we're used to the pace and the schedule and we are used to not seeing each other during the week, which, to be perfectly candid, I think has actually helped us in our relationship," explained Bertolino. "It doesn't work for everyone, but it works for us."

Bertolino hopes to see Leipold at least twice a month, "We are going to try to work it out that I travel down once a month and he travels up once a month."

When asked about the transition from New York City to Lyndonville, Bertolino laughed.

"It will be a bit more of a challenge for [Bil] than for me, I am pretty comfortable living in a rural area," said Bertolino. "I remember thinking on the drive up to Burlington, 'Oh God, Bil is going to kill me.'"

Bertolino believes he will be able to make his long distance relationship work, especially after almost 20 years.

"I'll just get help from my support group," he joked.

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First year elected representative Paige Ferratto agrees.

"I think it's a good idea because nobody knows it besides the people on the board and I think it's better to keep it undercover then to let it out to everyone," she said. "Otherwise, clubs are going to be arguing over money and everyone's going to have a big problem with [budgeting]."

Another practice that the SGA executive has put in place is not in the constitution. Starting this year, the executive board has banned the use of electronics such as cell phones, laptops, and iPads for representatives at SGA meetings as part of its authority for rules of order. The ban happened after many SGA representatives were watching a Red Sox game during an SGA meeting.

The constitution lays out some of the rules of order and says that the SGA use Robert's Rules, a basic handbook for operation of clubs and organizations, as a guide.

"There is a technicality under Robert's Rules, we can establish any rules for order we want and one of the rules of order we established this year was that electronics wouldn't be allowed," said Russo. "It just keeps the reps focused on the meeting as opposed to being distracted."

Since it is not in the constitution the new practice could have been put to a vote by the whole SGA. Russo did not see the need for that.

"We could have, but (Nelson) interpreted it as the SGA executive board sets the rules of order for the meetings," he said. "Therefore, we could implement that rule without a vote by the whole student government."

Emma Shattuck, the Model UN club representative, has no problem with the ban.

"I understand the reasoning for it," she said. "I think that a vote would have been a good idea just so that people wouldn't ques-



Photo by Eric Blaisdell

First year elected representatives Paige Ferratto (L) and Laura Martin (R) think the magic number way of budgeting works.

tion that decision, but I agree with it because at most meetings it is pretty standard not to be on your phone. You should be paying attention."

The constitution can be amended and at the next SGA meeting that process will begin.

"We are opening up the constitutional committee in a few weeks where SGA members will come together and make some proposed amendments to the constitution and that will be sent to a student body wide vote at the same time our executive board elec-

tions happen this year in mid-April," Russo said.

Those not affiliated with the SGA can attend the meetings to give their feedback on what changes they think should be made. But there is another way to change the constitution.

"If someone wanted to change the constitution they could also get a petition signed with 10 percent of the student body, which is about 150 students, and then submit it to us and we would include those proposed changes in an SGA meeting."

Club Budget Breakdown

Club	Proposed Budget	Actual Budget	% Dif.	2011-12 Budget
Alliance for Women in Media	\$0	\$0	0	\$3,900
American Meteorology Society	\$10,100	\$6,900	31.7	\$6,800
Alpha Lambda Delta	\$900	\$70	22.2	\$650
Anime	\$1,100	\$50	95.5	\$100
Critic	\$10,775	\$9,675	10.2	\$9,389.50
College Republicans	\$0	\$0	0	\$200
LSC Gay-Straight Alliance	\$720	\$200	72.2	\$0
Hockey	\$35,625	\$26,600	25.3	\$31,925
LAN Party Club	\$0	\$0	0	\$316.61
Leadership Recognition Com.	\$0	\$0	0	\$200
Literary Society	\$1,765	\$1,000	43.3	\$0
Lyndon Emergency Responders	\$0	\$0	0	\$400
MEISA	\$3,750	\$850	77.3	\$0
Model UN	\$1,200	\$490	59.2	\$0
Outing Club	\$9,500	\$3,750	60.5	\$4,000
Outside the Box	\$1,500	\$1,000	33.3	\$1,250
Mountain Bike	\$4,000	\$100	97.5	\$0
Rugby	\$12,800	\$4,250	66.8	\$10,050
Sigma Zeta	\$900	\$900	0	\$900
Ski and Ride	\$4,800	\$2,700	43.8	\$2,350
Spirit Squad	\$1,538.25	\$450	70.8	\$815
Strikers	\$2,600	\$2,600	0	\$3,000
Students for Campus Conserv.	\$2,950	\$1,700	42.4	\$1,300
Student Investment Group	\$500	\$400	20.0	\$450
Track and Field	\$500	\$500	0	\$500
Twilight	\$11,200	\$8,750	21.9	\$8,150
Ultimate	\$1,500	\$750	50.0	\$0
Veteran's Club	\$3,200	\$1,000	68.8	\$0
WWLR	\$7,520	\$6,250	16.9	\$6,270
SGA Operational	\$25,900	\$25,900	0	\$25,900
TOTAL	\$156,843	\$107,465	31.5	\$118,816

Clubs with \$0 in the proposed and actual budgets either are inactive or did not submit a budget. Clubs with \$0 in the 2011-12 budget were either inactive last year or did not have a budget that year.

Living Green in the Grey House

Jesilyn Amsden
Critic Staff

Lyndon is about to offer a green housing alternative.

Starting this fall, students interested in living an earth-friendly lifestyle with others can apply for one of 10 spots in the Grey House on campus.

In the past, the Grey House has been used to house students with similar interests such as individuals on the local rescue or fire department. This year's plan involves having students who are interested in bettering not only their own lifestyle but influencing others on campus to do the same.

"Steps such as recycling and composting are how we plan to decrease the overall waste the Grey House will produce. We will also be able to compare the electricity and water usage between this year and a year after the Green Housing lifestyle has been put

into action," said Erin Rossetti, director of residential life.

The residence halls have recycling bins at the bottom of the buildings for student use, but having a whole house of individuals involved in the green lifestyle and devoted to making the changes may be the next big step Lyndon State College needs.

Plans are in the works to also include an event at the Grey House celebrating Earth Day. The hope for the Green Housing option is to get students interested in the lifestyle as well as those who are interested in offering change and inspiration to the campus becoming greener as well.

The housing selection process takes place on April 17th. The Grey House has both single and double rooms as well as a kitchen. Those students interested in the Green Housing option should contact Rossetti at Erin.Rossetti@lsc.edu for an application.

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Tennis Team Looking to Ace the NAC

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

The hardest thing for Lyndon State College's men's tennis team is trying not to stay complacent this season.

Last year, the team finished third five teams in the North Atlantic Conference standings. NAC coaches participated in a poll for this season, and their average voting rounded out to the Hornets finishing fourth in the conference. Two major reasons why the chips are stacked against the team are because of the Hornets' finish last season, and the addition of Colby-Sawyer to the NAC.

Junior Tyler Schofield is not too happy with what the coaches had to say.

"I don't look too much into that (pre-ranking teams), because they have us fourth, and I know we have the ability to finish much higher than that," Schofield said.

Colby-Sawyer is certainly a daunting team, one that strikes fear into the NAC because of an immense amount of talent.

However, Schofield is happy to see Colby-Sawyer join the party.

"I'm excited because it's better people (from Colby-Sawyer) I get to play. I know it's all about winning and what not, but I really enjoy the competition of it," Schofield said.

Another one of the reasons why most of the coaches were voting off the Hornets was because they were bounced in the semifinals against Johnson State College.

Despite where the team may have placed, head coach Geoff

Davison believes that numbers can lie.

"At the end, I thought we were at least one place better than that," Davison said.

As for this season, the Hornets are very top-heavy, yet it is the players that are projected to seed four through six that present intriguing options.

"We've got the luxury of competition within the squad to sort out who's the solid two, three, four, or one, five, or whatever it is," Davison said.

Most of the projected four through six seeds are underclassmen, and that is something that junior Mike Howard likes.

"They (the underclassmen) definitely want to be on the tennis team. They're not sitting there saying 'I don't want to go to practice today, I don't want to do this, I don't want to do that,'" Howard said.

Schofield, meanwhile, wants the freshmen to learn what he learned: how to think as a team player.

"We are pretty inexperienced, but they'll (the freshmen) learn throughout the season what they'll have to do win games, and hopefully they'll learn like I learned when I was a freshman. I went 11-0, but it meant nothing... we didn't win a championship," Schofield said.

The freshmen are certainly stepping in on an opportune time, as the perception is that long-time rival Castleton may have lost a step.

"There's a lot of optimism around the place, a lot of strength within the team," Davison said.

Howard is the one of the few upperclassmen that helps fuel

the rivalry against Castleton, seeing the Hornets as perhaps better.

"Personally, I don't like Castleton... I see the rivalry as, not to kind of rub it in their face, but as Lyndon State kind of coming up again," Howard said.

If the Hornets are going to return to form, Howard will need to step up his game. He was 4-5 in singles play as the number-one seed last year. His motivation to get better: a former number-one seed from LSC, Teddy Fournier.

"Looking at him (Fournier) made me want to do more... I'd see him hit a great shot in practice, and I'd say to myself 'Man, I want to hit that great shot. I want to be as fast as him. You know, I want to last two hours in the match... I want to have his game,'" Howard said.

Like Fournier was, Howard is now the leader of the team, a role he embraces.

"You're kind of a leader to everyone from what it seems, whether you're in the locker room or on the court," Howard said.

The Hornets need Howard and others to step up their game to reach the goal of winning the NAC Championship.

Schofield is not backing down on having these lofty goals.

"I can't set my sights any lower than a NAC championship... I know I have it in me, I know they (the other players) all have it in them," Schofield said.

The road to a possible NAC title starts this at Wednesday 4 p.m., when the Hornets travel to Norwich University.



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If tennis player Tyler Schofield wants to win a NAC championship, then his work, along with the rest of the team's, will start in the gym.

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UVM Excites Vermont Fans

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Vermonters from all over, even a few LSC students like myself, are getting excited about UVM's tournament win.

UVM only has one NCAA tournament win in the school's history, and boy was it a win. The 13th seeded Vermont Catamounts played the 4th seeded Syracuse Orange in 2005. Nearly no one picked the catamounts, which only got a berth into the tournament because they won their conference, the America East Conference.

Since their big play-in win against 16 seeded Lamar on Wednesday night, UVM students, Vermonters, and even LSC students are going nuts about seeing a team that they feel a connection to. It goes to show that Vermonters really do take pride in what little basketball they do have that represents them.

The Vermont Frost Heaves, a semi-professional team, folded last year due to financial concerns. On that team was former UVM stand-out Marqus Blakely. Blakely eventually ended up in the NBA Developmental league and was even called up as a reserve for the Houston Rockets for a while.

Blakely currently plays for the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the NBA-DL.

Lyndon State definitely has its fair share of "superfans" here on campus. There isn't, however, a large fan base for a many reasons. For one, we are a small college in a low populated area for Vermont. Second, and more importantly, the men's or women's basketball teams haven't won a North Atlantic Conference Title in quite some time. The men's team was able to make it to the championship game last year, but lost a hard fought game.

Don't get me wrong, I'm just as excited to see the UVM Men's Basketball team get a win, even if it is a play-in game. I'm just disappointed in the lack of interest in the local basketball teams, because there are some very good ones, even high school teams. There are two local teams, the Danville Indians Boys team and Lyndon Institute Vikings Girls, who made it to the State Championship games this year.

If only students could get as excited about the teams around here, then would the basketball "scene" be as exciting and entertaining as watching the Boston Celtics or Kentucky Wildcats on television.

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Sudoku Puzzle

Sudoku Rules:

Solving a Sudoku puzzle can be a tricky task, but the rules are quite simple. The object of Sudoku is to fill each empty box with a digit ranging from 1 to 9 in such a way that each number is only used once within each horizontal row, vertical column and 3 by 3 square outlined in bold.

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The List:

Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion

Thoughts on Thongs, Bras, and Boxers

Yvonne Black
Critic Columnist

Okay—so I get it. Figuring out what underwear to wear can be tricky.

Oh wait. No. It's not. It's frickin' simple, but there are apparently a lot of people on campus who are stuck in their awkward middle school just-discovered-bras phase.

Hopefully these tips can help, because every time I see an underwear faux pa I cringe, and lately I've been cringing to the point where I look epileptic.

1) NO ONE WANTS TO SEE YOUR BRA UNLESS THEY ARE TAKING IT OFF. Seriously ladies, we are the biggest offenders when it comes to underwear related offenses. Dresses, spaghetti straps, low cut, and backless shirts? DON'T wear them unless you've got the proper strapless, halter, or t-shirt bra. Need help finding the right bra? Most retailers offer free measurements so you can find the perfect size and shape. The JCPenny's in the Green Mountain Mall offers this service, so take advantage of it. Facebook photos with the bra hanging out? TRASHY. These photos can be sexy when texting the boyfriend, but make for super trashy profile pics. Caution: He's definitely showing the sexts to his bros—and potentially all of Facebook if the break up is bad.

2) GENTLEMEN: YOU LOOK LIKE A TOOL WITH YOUR BOXERS HANGING OUT. It's just as bad as women and their bra straps. Buy a belt. Nuff' said.

3) Panty Lines. Just typing that makes me cringe. Don't have them. If you insist on wearing yoga pants outside of the gym (another cringe) AT LEAST wear a thong so the panty lines disappear. Or don't wear underwear. I just don't want to see it.

Fit With Forester: Celebration of St. Patrick



Morgan Forester
Web Editor

It's warm and sunny out and the week of one of my favorite holidays so you can bet this week's column is going to have an Irish theme to it. I'm not sure that I have any Irish in me but I like to think that sometimes we can adopt cultural heritage. Of course it is great to know your own heritage but who says you can't find yourself identifying with a different one. Considering LSC is having a cultural fair right now I think it's the perfect time to embrace something new. All that aside, I'd like to say that although St. Patty's day is often celebrated with lots of drinking please don't be the typical fool who only celebrates because they get to drink themselves into oblivion. Enjoy your whiskey or beer (if you're of age) but also learn a little about what it is to be Irish and take part in one of their cultural traditions other than getting hammered.

Exercise of the Week: Wood Choppers

Traditionally done with a medicine ball but if you don't have one you can fill a soda bottle with water and use it as your weight.

Stand with your feet hip width apart with the medicine ball held out in front of you at head height. Keeping your arms straight twist your torso to the right and sink into a squat bringing the medicine ball to the outside of your right mid-thigh. Come back to the starting position and repeat for the left side keeping your arms straight the entire time. 1 rep counts as doing both sides. Do 15 reps.

Recipe of the Week: Crock Pot Irish Soda Bread

You will need the space to knead the dough but otherwise this is a really easy bread recipe.

Ingredients:

2 1/2 Cups All-Purpose White Flour
3 TBsp. Soft butter
1 tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. Baking Soda
1/2 tsp. Salt
2 TBsp. Sugar
3/4 Cups Buttermilk
Crisco

Directions:

1. Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda.

2. Mix in butter with a pastry knife if you have one but a fork will work just fine. Mix until the dough is crumbly.

3. Add in buttermilk slowly, about 1/4 cup at a time, until the dough moves towards the center of the bowl. You might not need all of it.

4. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface and knead by hand for about one minute, until smooth.

5. Shape dough into a round loaf about 6-8 inches in diameter.

6. Place loaf into the bottom of your greased crock-pot. Cut an X about a half-inch deep across top of loaf.

7. Cook on high for about 2 hrs. until golden brown.

This is a more traditional recipe that doesn't include raisins but if you wish to have bread that is more similar to what you will find in stores add in half a cup to a cup of raisins.

Activity of the Week: Horseback Riding

Pony racing is an Irish celebratory tradition. There are plenty of stables around the area and with the weather as beautiful as it has been a trail ride could be a ton of fun, especially if you can organize a group of people to go. If you don't want to spend the money at a stable but still want to enjoy the tradition, get a group of people together and piggy-back race. See if you can reserve the gym or do it outside on one of the fields (caution this could get muddy). Form teams using two people, one being the horse and the other the jockey. The horses can either be standing or on all-fours. Line up the teams and make it a race to the finish line.

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Last Event of Cultural Festival

Ole Hass & Ingrid Cowan

Adam Brothers
Critic Staff

This Sunday, singers Ole Hass and Ingrid Cowan will be gracing us with a rare vocal recital in the Alexander Twilight Theatre at 3 p.m.

"We are bringing quite a variety of pieces to Lyndonville. While all of them deal with very real human thoughts, emotions and desires, they range from the very serious to the downright silly," Hass told.

Hass and Cowan, a married couple who has been singing together for 21 years, will be singing with the accompaniment of esteemed pianist, Susan Ricci Rogel.

Hass sings in tenor and Cowan sings in mezzo-soprano.

Being globally renowned singers, Hass and Cowan do not commonly perform for college students. Hass told, "It's not something we get to do a lot,

and I think it's a great opportunity. Often we see a lot of white hair in the audience, as the regular concert attendance is often expensive and might not fit the busy schedule of younger people. As parents of young children, we know how hard it is to get away at night, so the middle generation often doesn't show up either. We are very much looking forward to this performance; I think audiences of all ages (except maybe young children) will connect with the program."

Hass and Cowan were specially invited to perform by their friend, Professor Alexandre Strokkanov. Strokkanov, who has previously organized their performance in the Moscow State Conservatory, is absolutely delighted that Hass and Cowan will be sharing their music with us. "It will be a change in musical sound, something we've never seen or heard before." In

describing their style, Strokkanov told, "They exemplify art of the highest class of this country."

The story of Abraham and Isaac will be told in song, as well as several shorter lyrics and classical pieces.

"Our idea is to have an all-English language program of mostly 'classical' and 'serious' music. These terms often sounds elitist, but it really just means that the pieces have passed the test of time and that the composers were less interested in entertaining the audience than in expressing something close to their hearts or their ideals," Hass said.

In Sunday's performance of Saints, Sinners and Sweethearts, the final event before the curtain falls on our Cultural Festival, our community will get to watch and listen to a show like no other, and a show that we most likely have never, and will never see anything like again.

Ski and Ride Thawing Out

Cameron Willis
Critic Correspondent

After a 15 academic week long suspension, the Lyndon State College Ski & Ride Club will soon be back in action.

On March 22, The Ski & Ride Club's sanctions will be lifted and the club will be able to hold events once again. President Sam Pierog and SGA Rep Weston Miller along with club members have high hopes and a lot of ideas for the future.

"The club is excited to be coming back to good standings and we are looking to try and set up something big to finish out the season," said Miller.

According to Pierog, there will be a ski trip for the end of the year although the club is still deciding on where they want to go. Pierog also said that the club is hoping to premier both of the RedBull signature events this month on the 21 and 31 in ASAC 100, pending approval. These events are skiing and snowboarding events both held in the backcountry that contain forms of big mountain and slope style competitions combined.

He also is going to start presenting fundraiser ideas at the up and coming meetings to start saving money for next year although, "all these events depends on the club and cooperation of our members. We need everyone to come to the meetings to be able to coordinate anything successful."

Miller hopes to see sweat-shirts and club ski trips. He wants to end the season with a "banger event" of some sort although with the lack of snow

and still having to wait for the sanctions to be lifted it will be a hard and last minute event if it can happen.

"Despite the warm temperatures and rain for this season the club has been quite frozen. Last year the club definitely exceeded my expectations. This year has been difficult to just sit through but I'm excited to get back into action once we are unfrozen. I know next year we will start off right where we left off and it will be great to see what the club grow even more," said graphic design major Ashley Phelps, who is also a current member of the Ski & Ride Club.

"It would be great to see the club at its full potential. Meaning, having an all season on cam-

pus terrain park, connected with not only SGA but with the Ski Resort Management and Adventure Based Recreation Management majors, and having a bigger impact on not only the college but the community. I definitely think we can get there but we need the support from all of the staff and students at LSC," said Phelps.

Phelps wants the club to participate more with the community to see how far they can extend what they are already doing. The reason she joined the LSC Ski & Ride Club was because "I love snowboarding. I love the lifestyle, I love the eternal creativity, style and progression."

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Library Loses Late Fee, Helps Reduce Theft

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

Students no longer have to worry about a late book costing them money.

The library has changed its policy concerning late fees by removing them entirely. Public Services Librarian Graham Sherriff feels that this has played a part in reducing the number of books not returned.

"It wasn't intended to be a security measure, it was meant just to make our lives easier. Last summer we scrapped fines for late books. That has a security dimension to it," said Sherriff. "A lot of times the reason why books disappear off the shelf is because people don't want to check them out officially so they can hold onto them longer and they're not going to get into trouble for having them for a long period of time. Now, as long as we get the book back, there is no fine."

The elimination of late fees and the installation of the magnetized gates is a product of a string of book thefts like those experienced by the library in 1978. The Critic reported that 559 books had been stolen from the library's collection of 55,000 books, within a year's time, in 1978. Changes in library policy and security have been implemented since then.

According to Library Director Garet Nelson the security gate at the front door was installed in the early 1990s. The security gate at the door to the advising center was installed around 2006, and cost \$10,000. The storage cabinet for DVD's costs about \$800 each.

"That is a very effective system, but it's not 100% water tight," said Sherriff about the gates. He explained that the alarm can also be triggered by cell phones, belts, and other unknown objects.

"That's an issue for us. Because it's so sensitive, rather than worry about it not catching things, we're worried about it catching too much. We want people coming into the library to feel comfortable here and not feel like they're being monitored," Sherriff said.

The system works by inserting a magnetic strip, difficult to remove, into each book. If the magnet is still charged when a person takes it through the gate, the alarm will sound. There have been a few instances of students attempting to remove the strips.

Other than the gates, the only other option would be to install cameras. Members of the library staff, however, are not fond of the idea.

"The library is supposed to be a place where everyone can come in and use materials confidentially with privacy. We've talked about it, but we would have to be experiencing serious patterns of theft," said Sherriff.

Despite the installation of the magnetized gate, the library still experiences a loss of materials as some items are returned damaged or not returned at all.

"Things walk all the time in very small numbers," said Sherriff about the library's current problem with

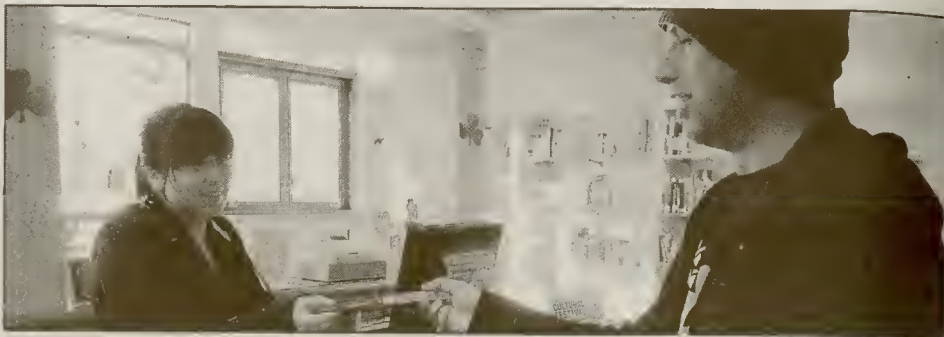


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From Left: Catherine White and Joshua Cobb. Students can now check out books without worrying about a late fee.

theft. "Being a library, we operate mostly on a system of trust. We don't monitor all the areas at all times. It's not possible to monitor each and every item. There's a large amount of trust between those who run the library and those who use it."

Recently, the library has experienced a loss in materials other than books.

"Magazines and journals seem to be the most common item being taken or found with pages ripped out. We have had paintings and DVD's stolen and come up missing," said Nelson, through an email interview.

The library's collection has nearly doubled in the past 34 years, with the addition of books along with DVD's and other electronics. The library replaces about 40 to 60 books per year.

"We have almost 100,000 volumes on the shelf and that's just the books. That's not including periodicals, CD's, and DVD's," said Sherriff.

Not only has the library's collection grown, but the cost of books has also increased. In 1978, it was reported that the average cost to replace a book was \$16. Between 1975 and 2002 there was a 40% increase in the cost of mass market paperbacks and for academic books, the cost may be more.

"The ball park cost to the library, due to theft, would be about \$800 to \$1000 per year. That includes all missing books," said Nelson.

The cost of academic books varies based on the type of book. Typically, they run within \$40 to \$50, but the range is anywhere from \$20 to \$150 for a recently published academic book.

"I image it has something to do with how much people want the item, how much

people want to hold onto something. For magazines and newspapers, they're not as desirable, whereas books have more value, even if it's not financial value. Maybe it is sentimental value," said Sherriff.

If a student decides to drop out of the college, but still has books, the library only has one course of action.

"In that case, we operate like healthcare; we just keep calling and hope that someone will feel guilty enough to bring them back," he said.

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STUDENT ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Police say the alleged incident happened in Poland Res. Hall

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

A Lyndon junior accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old female student in a residence hall last year has pleaded not guilty. Several students have reported that he has not been seen on campus for at least two weeks.

Taylor T. Burke, 20, of 2116 Chapel Road in Bennington, Vermont, stood in front of a judge at Caledonia Superior Court on Monday where he pleaded not guilty to one felony count of sexual assault, no consent. He was released on a \$10,000 unsecured appearance bond and ordered to stay at least 300 feet away from the alleged victim and three witnesses. If convicted, Burke faces a sentence of three years to life

ing she had been sexually assaulted.

The affidavit stated that both the alleged victim and Burke admitted to engaging in consensual sex in a room on the fourth floor of the Poland residence hall after hours of drinking at an off-campus party. Police said that party occurred at a location above Phat Kats Tavern, located at 33 Depot Street in Lyndonville.

While at the party, Burke admitted to drinking approximately 12-14 beers. The alleged victim said she had consumed about ten Bud Light beers and told police that she knew Burke from attending school, but had not interacted with him at the party or had any prior relationship with him. She said she returned to her dorm room with both her roommate and her roommate's boyfriend after the party, but the two had "passed out" after attending the party.

The affidavit said that Burke arrived at the alleged victim's room around 2 a.m., where he later "pulled the blankets over their head" and they engaged in consensual sex.

The alleged victim stated they both performed oral sex on each other as well. When Burke allegedly pulled her legs towards his chest during intercourse, the alleged victim stated that she became uncomfortable and told Burke to stop. The affidavit said Burke first ignored her, but then said "You like it." The document said that the alleged victim continued to say that Burke refused to stop, even after she tried other verbal methods including calling out to other people present in the room, stating she had to work in the morning and she was tired.

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Photo courtesy of The Caledonian Record
Accused LSC student Taylor Burke
pleaded not guilty to sexual assault.

behind bars.

Attempts to reach Burke were unsuccessful.

According to an affidavit filed by Vermont State Police Detective Trooper Russell Finn, on March 27, 2011, an employee of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center called state police to report that a female had been sexually assaulted at Lyndon State College. The alleged victim then gave a statement to police regarding the alleged March 26, 2011 incident, claim-



Weston Miller enjoys the warm weather, skateboarding near Vail.

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

SPRING AT
LSC

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LSC SALARIES: POINTS EQUAL PROFIT

Sarah Aubé
Critic Correspondent

John DeLeo, mountain recreation professor, was hired at Lyndon State College in 1974 with a starting salary of \$9,000.

He said that this was much lower than other schools he was looking at, but that it was certainly a livable wage.

Now he is the school's highest paid professor, making a salary of \$83,845.50.

"It's not anything special that anyone does," says DeLeo, who was surprised that he is the highest salaried professor. "It's all driven by the union. I don't have any say in it."

DeLeo came to teach at Lyndon after years of working in his field, teaching rock climbing, canoeing, cross country skiing, and other outdoor sports.

"I might be the highest paid faculty member, but it isn't the salary that kept me here," says DeLeo. "It's the students and it's the administration. The students challenge you more professionally than your own professional organization can."

The lowest paid professor,

Brit Moore, who teaches music business and industry, is paid over \$50,000 less than DeLeo. She is making \$32,976 a year.

Salaries for faculty and staff are complicated, and they are decided in different ways.

Faculty salaries are decided based on a formula including a base salary that changes every year based on national averages of salaries at colleges that are similar to LSC.

The base salary for this academic year is \$22,326. On top of this base salary, professors earn points. Each point is worth a dollar amount, which also changes yearly.

This year each point is valued at \$963.

Professors receive points based on qualification, rank and experience. Points are given for years worked in the Vermont State Colleges (1 earned for every year), degrees earned, experience working in the field, and what rank professor they are working as.

For example, a professor with a Master's earns 3 points in the degree category, while a professor with a Doctorate earns 6

points in that area.

"It ensures that everybody across the VSC gets treated equally. A degree is a degree is a degree," says dean of academic and student affairs, Donna Dalton, who makes \$118,987.08 a year. "In a lot of institutions, it's not unusual for people with the same degrees who got hired at the same time to have different pay."

DeLeo, who has been working at LSC since 1974, has accrued approximately 63.5 points. This is equal to \$61,150.50. By adding this to the base salary \$22,326, his salary of \$83,845.50 is obtained.

"Now you're talking about something that actually looks like a salary," says Dalton of adding points, "opposed to something that's never going to be sufficient (the base pay)."

Faculty members are also given extra pay for certain things that add on top of their salaries. "It's probably rare that someone's paycheck matches their base salary," says dean of administration, Wayne Hamilton, who makes \$107,036.76.

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Campus Calendar

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Student Government Is Where the Money Is

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

In the prosperous years after World War II, Willie Sutton became one of the most famous men in America. His picture hung on the walls of post offices across the country. People who had no idea who the postmaster general of the United States was knew practically everything about Willie.

Willie Sutton was a bank robber who had an impressive record of avoiding arrest and escaping from prison when avoidance occasionally failed. Because he was a master of disguise, they called him Willie the Actor and he might have carved out a successful career on Broadway or in Hollywood. He was a brilliant strategist and could have been successful in business. So why did a smart, talented guy like Willie rob banks? Because, he once explained "that's where the money was."

Money's left the banks

Today, the money is no longer in banks; the real money is in government. If you work for government, you make the most money, you receive the most generous fringe benefits and you are assured of a comfortable retirement. No matter what happens to the economy, the government takes care of its own. And if a comfortable retirement is not enough, government service is often a stepping-stone to great wealth through selling government influence and connections in the private sector.

On a smaller scale, much of this is true of student government as well. Look at the wide range of activities available to you as an undergraduate student at LSC. First, of course, you can study hard to get the most benefit out of your college years. Then you can help others by working as a tutor in subjects in which you have a great deal of expertise. There are sports and other physical activities that will strengthen your body and build stamina.

There are many public service activities. Veterans on campus have been working hard on a range of activities aimed at recognizing the contribution of veterans and helping student veterans to succeed on campus. There are artistic and creative activities such as the plays that are put on by students every year, art exhibits, and musical performances. The Sustainability Club works to spread the idea of sustaining our environment for ourselves and for our descendants. The Critic is put out by a volunteer group that includes some who are actually paying for the privilege of developing skills in print journalism.

There is no money to be made in any of these activities. If Willie Sutton were reborn as an LSC student, he would set his sights on a lucrative position with the SGA executive board because that's where the money is now.

When students vote for SGA officers, there is no discussion of pay. Students who work hard in other campus organiza-

tions put in the time an effort for a variety of reasons. Some are committed to a cause to which their group is dedicated. Others hope to gain some experience in a student activity that will help them in their chosen careers down the road. Many work extremely hard in activities that give them satisfaction.

Only SGA wants pay

Every one of these student organizations has a constitution, but only one has a clause that allows club officers to ask for and receive large sums of money from student funds. If every club officer were to ask for and receive the kind of compensation that Nick Russo and his colleagues on the SGA executive board believe they have earned, all student activity fees would be drained before a single activity was funded.

In last week's Critic Nick Russo claimed to "see an unnerving amount of apathy in our student body." But it is this very apathy that allows the SGA executive board to grab thousands of dollars from students with hardly a whimper.

To cash in, SGA execs need to satisfy only two groups. First, they must get approval from the administration. They need a thumbs-up from Jonathan Davis. That's easy. It's not his money and the student government has earned his support by following his every recommendation during the course of the year. When alcohol turned up during a Ski and Ride Club event early in the year, Dean Davis spelled out exactly what disciplinary measures should be imposed by SGA and SGA action perfectly mirrored that recommendation.

Then once that minor hurdle is past, SGA needs the approval of the student reps, most of who depend on SGA for funding the particular activities that they are interested in.

The end of apathy

Now what would happen if the apathy bemoaned by Nick Russo and past president John Kleinhans were to disappear. Suddenly students would be aware that the student activity fees they pay are not set by the college, but are set by their very own student government. The college only sets a maximum figure and by a strange coincidence, SGA takes that

maximum as their minimum.

To be fair, let's see whether there are grounds for rewarding student government leaders. If their service to the student body goes above and beyond what could be reasonably expected, perhaps a modest bonus might be justified. In last week's Critic Nick Russo said that from the beginning of the year, if he did nothing else he "wanted to represent the views of the majority of our students." Has he done that? Only you can answer that question. Perhaps there were issues important to you and Nick courageously went to bat in support of those issues when facing strong opposition.

For long, hard hours


One argument in favor of the request for \$4000 in executive board compensation is the claim that they have worked very hard. If you have ever attended an SGA meeting, you can easily believe this. The meetings last a long time dragging on late into the night. There are clubs that have been denied funding because they simply couldn't spend so many hours and still meet their other obligations.

But is this an achievement? Is there a successful enterprise anywhere that is successful because they spend their time in meetings? The way SGA conducts meetings and the way it chooses to disburse funds is nothing to be proud of.

The fallback argument in support of SGA compensation is that others are doing it. This is quite true. Over the years student government powers and perks have expanded nearly as much as the Federal Government itself. There are cases where student government presidents are paid enormous sums as well as benefits such as travel, cell phones, and tuition waivers. If student executives are not well paid, the argument goes, they will abandon government roles and seek compensation elsewhere.

If leaders leave us

I guess those who raise those arguments have not heard about the recession and today's double-digit unemployment figures. The bottom line is that times are tough and anyone who thinks they cannot afford to run for office should pass and let someone else pick up the baton and run with it.



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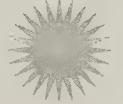



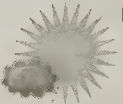
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Hertz, Mitchell Retiring

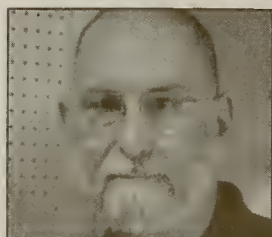


Photo by Marc Samson
Professor Barry Hertz is retiring.

Olivia Hamel

Critic Correspondent

This year Linda Mitchell, a business administration professor and Barry Hertz, an early childhood education professor, will be retiring.

Both of these professors spent quite some time here, however Hertz said, "It went by in a flash."

Each professor has exciting plans for once they leave Lyndon.

Mitchell said, "I have lots of friends around various parts of the US, so I plan to visit Vancouver, Seattle, L.A., San Francisco, Atlanta and Chicago, and then I'll reciprocate. They'll come and stay with me and the summers are great here in Vermont. They're absolutely gorgeous."

Hertz said that he and his wife were, "hoping to take our grandkids to Europe, and have a trip to India."

Hertz also said, "Some of the advice that I have gotten is

to not commit to anything for a year, but I think I'll probably get more involved with the community. I have always enjoyed community service and I have been asked back on the Burke school board so I'm going to do that."

Both professors consider commencement as a fond memory.

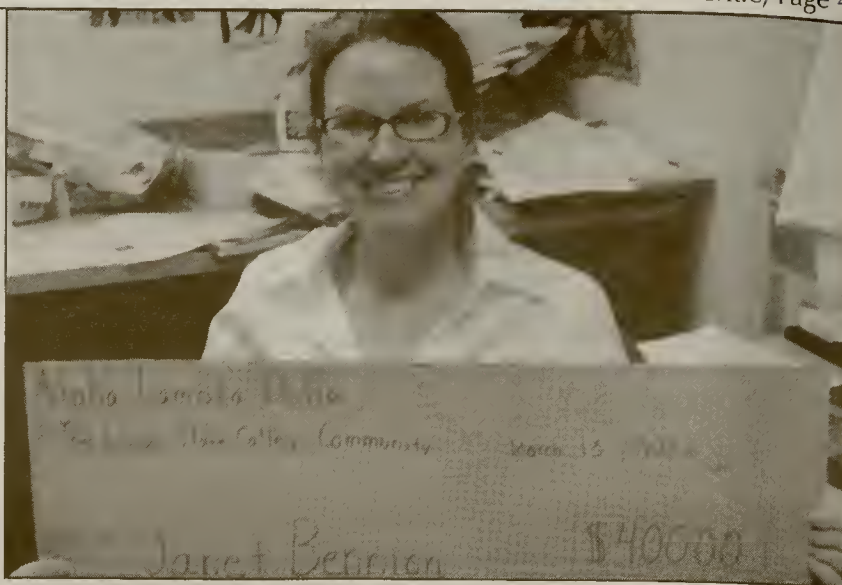
Mitchell said one of her fondest memories has been, "Seeing students I've worked with graduate. It is really wonderful to see someone in a cap and gown... Particularly if you've worked with a student for awhile, you see what they do, and they earn their degree."

Hertz said, "The thing, I think, that stands out more than anything is commencement every year, and seeing our students graduate."

Hertz stated what he would miss most about Lyndon was, "The students without a doubt." He said, "They're refreshing, they appreciate the small classes...and I just really enjoy teaching classes."

Both Hertz and Mitchell will be leaving Lyndon at the end of this semester, to start a new chapter in their lives; traveling will be a large component for both of them. Mitchell was at the school for 20 years and Hertz for 32.

After 32 years Hertz said, "I will dearly miss the students, but it's time for a change."



ALD Writes A Check For Fire Clean-Up

Photo by Danielle Drown
Janet Bennion holds a homemade check for 400 dollars, presented to her by Alpha Lambda Delta. The honor society donated the money to Bennion after she recently lost her home to a fire.

New Light on Campus

Gregory Besso
Critic Correspondent

New light fixtures are being installed around campus.

Outdoor lighting is becoming energy efficient every day, making the campus more and more environmentally friendly. Plus, it's saving money.

Examples of new fixtures can be seen by the front doors of the Rita Bole Complex. They didn't cost a penny, according to Director of Maintenance Tom Archer. "They're paid for by Efficiency Vermont," he said.

All of the new fixtures, including the LED pole lights installed over the course of last summer, will make a very noticeable impact on the college's electricity bill. Significant progress has already been made. "Right now we have 250 LED lights on the exterior of Lyndon State College, and we're down to just six more entrances to do," Archer said.

The "greening up" of Lyndon State's exterior lighting is nearly complete. "The only things we have left are the Rita Bole parking lot lights, which are only eight years old...They're also going to go to LED if the technology doesn't get any better," Archer said.

Stonehenge residents can look forward to better, greener lighting "by the end of next week," Archer said.



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New energy efficient light fixtures have been installed on campus.

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'Tis the Season for Voting

RJ Kauffman
Critic Correspondent

While the rest of the country focuses on the republican primaries, all of Lyndon State College will move its focus to Student Government Association and their elections.

The SGA has two elections a year, one in the fall to elect the representatives, and one in the spring to elect the executive board positions.

The executive board positions include: president, executive vice president, administrative vice president, and financial controller.

The elections for the executive positions will be held for three days, starting April 16 at 10 a.m., to April 18 at 4 p.m. The elections will be

held exclusively online this year.

For a candidate to become eligible for an executive position they need to have a SGA position for one semester. While to become eligible for president you need to have an SGA position for one year.

That's not all; any individual looking for an executive position needs to get a petition signed by 150 students, hold a GPA of 2.5 or above, and cannot be on any executive position for any club during the year.

The petitions are due by April 11 by 4 p.m.

Additionally the SGA will hold two forums for which students can go and ask any candidate any questions they would like to have

answered.

These forums will be held in two locations, one in the Student Center and an additional one in the Stevens Dining Hall to help get the word out about the elections.

To also inform the students about the elections the SGA will get the put out flyers and a Facebook page.

All LSC students are encouraged to attend either forum to have a clear idea on who they believe should be the next SGA president and all other executive positions.

As for what students can do to help get the word out, current SGA President Nick Russo said via email "Students can help get the word out about the election by inviting their friends to the Facebook event."

College is for Girls

Higher education crucial to women's success while workplace equality still a challenge

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

After graduating from high school, women are more likely than men to immediately continue on to a college career, says Vermont State Senator Jane Kitchel.

"This is reflective of the efforts of having women look at the importance of education," said Kitchel. "Forty years ago, if you had less than a high school education, you could go in and work in a factory and earn a decent salary. The system could have a lot more dropouts and a lot more casualties and today, there's less margin for error."

Kitchel addressed about 30 members of Vermont Women in Higher Education (VWHE), at a luncheon on Wednesday honoring new members and March as women's history month.

"I grew up with a lot of strong female role models," said Kitchel. "I went to a women's college and when I was leaving high school to go to college, we didn't talk about college as we do now, as it relates to workplace and job opportunities. I would have to say it was more in the context of what we would call today, 'self-actualization'."

In the 60s, Kitchel began working in the field of human services, helping single parent families and females who served as the sole breadwinner.

"...women, who are financially dependant, dealing with the demands of child rearing, and how to connect them back to the larger community and to the workplace. Education was a major piece of that," said Kitchel about the impact of education on the lives of women. "Vermont was one of the states that really looked at how we could support women to participate in higher education."



Photos by Danielle Drown

Above: Senator Jane Kitchel addresses members of VWHE.
Below: Members of VWHE mingle after the luncheon.



Kitchel stated that the Vermont State Colleges have a 52 percent female enrollment rate across the board, but Lyndon's enrollment is lower, at 44 percent. When it comes to areas of study, women are dominating the fields of education and social services.

"If you look at the job opportunities and salaries

for these fields, you're not going into them because you're going to get rich. I can tell you that," said Kitchel about the typical fields for women. "On the other hand, if you look at engineering and math, 81 percent of those students are male."

Faculty and staff in attendance also acknowledged the need for change, as they see and experience some of the challenges that women still face in the professional setting.

"In my concentration, I have 60 to 70 male students and only five females. I can always count them on one hand," said Britt Moore, a music business instructor. "So since the male students are always answering or getting some kind of instruction from me, trying to get them to take me seriously is always challenging."

For other staff, the challenges are more associated with the people they work with.

"It's difficult to talk about it. It's difficult to be a young female professional because, a lot of times, you don't have a peer group of other young women who are around," said Abby Robbins, who works in the Upward Bound Program. "It's challenging to navigate that professional world of older males who are in authority positions."

The luncheon is the one event that the group has every year to honor new members and those being reinstated.

"VWHE is an organization affiliated with the office of women in higher education at the American council on education. They're dedicated to serving women in higher education at all professional levels," said Renee Kelly, co-chair for VWHE and Community Outreach Coordinator for Leahy Students.

Membership is exclusively for women who are faculty and staff, and is not open to students.

"For Vermont Women in Higher Education, that organization is about building networking between professional women in the workforce, more so than students," said Kelly.

Janet Bennion, co-chair for VWHE and social science professor, acknowledged the need for a similar student group for females on campus.

Plans For Veteran's Park Underway

Shera Howe
Critic Correspondent

With the weather warming up, the plans to complete the first phase of the Lyndon State College Veteran's Park are set to begin.

Lyndon's Veteran's Club has been working on the three-phase project for over a year now. Phase one will include letters and three stars in the colors of our nation's flag, spelling out the words "LSC Veterans Park," on the wall near the Fountain Pond. Thanks to several generous donations, the first phase of the project is set to be completed before the semester's end.

However, that isn't the end of the project. Passersby may have noticed the club adviser, mountain recreation management professor Thomas Anderson, running the table in the theater lobby last week. The National Collegiate Athletic Association contest (otherwise known as March Madness) was meant to raise money, provide some entertainment, and educate people about the Veterans Park, said Anderson.

While the \$265 the club raised through this fundraiser may not seem much when compared to the \$4,000 to \$6,000 needed, the club is dedicated to fundraising and hope to finish the second phase within the next year or two. This will include a granite reflection bench

near the pond, similar to the one near the Library and Academic Center entrance, which will have its own special markings.

Phase three, a series of plaques on the wall of the staircase leading up to Harvey Academic Center, will also be in the works.

The park is meant to act as a visual reminder to students that student-veterans are in their midst.

"It's not about the club. It's about the veterans. It's to make sure that the veterans are acknowledged and integrated into the community," said club president Mark Hoffmann.

He went on to say that there was an emphasis on making sure that students, with the elements of the park having minimal interference, could still use the area freely.

The Student Government Association has helped in its own way; both by donating \$1,000 to the project and by having many of its members participate in the fundraising activities.

"We really appreciate their support," said Anderson.

Between co-sponsoring the 40th Army Band concert recently, as well as helping with the Wounded Warriors project to help veterans and their families, members are seriously dedicated to making the most of their presence on campus despite being a very young club. One



Photo illustration by Keith Chamberlin

What Veteran's Park will look like, with the fountain pond lettering to be completed soon.

member of the band had his last performance here at Lyndon after many decades of service. With the Soldiers in the Classroom Seminar last semester, where student veterans were invited to answer questions about the unique issues they face, awareness was promoted even further.

Faculty and staff, as well as the Campus Planning Committee, have been a big help. A committee has been set up specifically to work on meeting the unique needs of veteran-students. President Steve Gold even bought the service flags, which will be displayed at graduations

and other ceremonies, out of his own pocket.

The adviser and the president of the club, both veterans themselves, have high hopes for the future of the club. Former president Jason Clark still visits from Boston to check up on the club, after he fought so hard to get it going in the first place, said Hoffmann. With the increasing number of student-veterans coming to Lyndon, their representation in the club and on campus is increasingly vital.

"I'm very committed to it," said Anderson. "I want to see it thrive in the future as well."

Baseball Team Striking Out



Photo by Bryan Barber

LSC's Shane O'Donnell-Leach pitches against Mass. Maritime in game one of a double-header. The team split the games and is off to a 1-4 start.

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

The baseball team has not had an ideal start to their season.

The team has struggled early, with a record of 1-4. Outfielder Dylan Newton acknowledged that there is room for improvement, but he did not seem to be concerned about the team's slow start.

"I think the season has gone really well actually," said Newton. "It's definitely a starting point. There have been a few mistakes and errors in some games, and it was kind of like a snowball effect."

The team has done some things well this season. Newton says that the offense is something that they feel pretty confident about.

"We're putting the ball in play really well," Newton said. "We aren't really a home run team, and last year it really showed because we stuck out a lot while trying to swing for the fences. But we are doing a much better job making contact this year, so I think that's going to help us a lot."

This year the team is under former St. Michael's College Baseball Coach Ed Poland, who officially took over for the hornet's baseball team this past fall. Many of the players, including Newton, have no concerns about Poland's commitment to the team thus far.

"Coach Poland really has a passion to win," said Newton about his first year head coach. "He has a great attitude every day. He wants to win now, and he wants to win in the future, and I really like that about coach."

Newton also believes that Coach Poland's everyday attitude at practice has really changed the environment that the team plays in.

"It just brings up the energy in the team," said Newton. "Everyone's attitude about going out there, playing hard, and playing tough is definitely there, you can see it, and I think this is all due to Coach Poland."

The team has a few double-headers coming up, starting with two games at Castleton on March 24. They'll then play four games on Saturday March 31 and April 1 against New England College.

Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Sophomore outfielder
Dylan Newton

Tennis Team Served Defeat in First Match

Loses to Norwich in non-conference showdown

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

It was a rough start to the season for the Lyndon State men's tennis team.

Lyndon lost to Norwich in their season opener, where no Lyndon player won their match, in a 9-0 sweep in singles and doubles play.

Many of the team members, including Dan Weiner, seemed to think that it's going to take a little time before the team gets going.

"We've shown more depth on this team than what I saw last year," said Weiner.

"But in the match against Norwich, we were really rusty. We've been practicing on gym floors and we haven't been able to get outside until this week, so that may have something to do with a few of the mistakes we made at the match."

With warmer temperatures expected to stick around for a bit longer, the team is hoping that their outdoor practices can help them shake off the rust, and get back into the swing of things.

"We started practicing in late-Janu-

ary, but that was just conditioning," Weiner said. "We didn't really start hitting the ball until February, but we've been hitting at the Old Mill Racquet Club once a week, which has helped."

The team hasn't necessarily shown their strengths yet, but Weiner believes his team will be playing well in no time.

"We've been consistent so far in practice," Weiner said. "The team is confident that our doubles pairings can play well and can give it their best try, and we're ready to move forward and start winning matches."

Although the team will be looking to bounce back from a tough loss, Weiner seems to believe in his team's ability.

"I think we're going to be fine," Weiner said with confidence. "Our goal is NAC champions, and I feel that if you don't set your goals high, you aren't going to go far as a team."

On the schedule for the men's tennis team is Green Mountain College, where the team will travel on March 24. They'll then host their first home game against Johnson State College on March 31.

Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Sophomore tennis player
Daniel Weiner

Residence Hall Competition in Home Stretch

Michael Fisher
Critic Correspondent

There is only one month left until one of the resident halls is crowned champion.

On April 29, a triathlon (a running, biking, and swimming competition) will be held for all residents of Lyndon State College. Everyone who participates will get a t-shirt. The winning team members will get plaques with their names on

them and be remembered.

Sue Henry, triathlon coordinator said, "Right now Rita Bole is edging out the competition."

There is a chance for other residence halls to win but they have to start showing up to the intramural events in the next five weeks to help the hall catch up.

This week is ping-pong, Saturday at 4 p.m. Come out and support your residence hall before time runs out.

Rugby Team Hosts Snowbowl

CSC, JSC, VTC, and Alumni in Attendance

Nicole Czelada
Critic Correspondent

The Rugby Club held its annual Snowbowl tournament Saturday, March 17 on the intramural field.

Teams from Castleton, Johnson, and Vermont Technical College, and Green Mountain College as well as Lyndon's own teams (men, women, and alumni) competed throughout the day. Wins and losses were written down but not taken very seriously, the event was about having a good time.

Club president Erika Eddy said, "The event went better than planned, the field was in great condition and the teams had a great time!"

Lyndon's own team spent hours out on the field making sure it was not iced over for the event.

The tournament was set up in a round robin double elimination format, due to a couple of teams not showing up the schedule was constantly being changed.

Lyndon's alumni team had players traveling from as far away as Florida, and Delaware, as well as players who still live locally. Although they are not as practiced as the other teams, they held their own and managed to win at least one of the games they played.

Eddy says, "I had a great time planning and putting on this event and I can't wait to do it again next year. Hopefully it's bigger and better than ever."

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Softball Team Off to Strong Start

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

The softball team is perfect to start the season.

The Lady Hornets swept their double-header at Mass. Maritime, winning by scores of 9-1 in the first contest, and 2-1 in the second.

It did not take long for the team to start knocking the opposing pitcher around in the first game, as the Lady Hornets plated seven runs in the second inning.

Freshman shortstop Jena Finnegan credits the offensive barrage to a good adjustment by the lineup.

"It was hard getting the timing because of the slower pitcher, but once we adjusted and got it, we got some solid hits," Finnegan said.

Though all but two hitters recorded a hit, Finnegan was the only to record two hits, driving in two runs in the process. She also stole two bases in the game.

Overall, Finnegan is glad



Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Freshman shortstop Jena Finnegan



Photo by Bryan Barber
LSC's Autumn Thompson slides into third in game one of a doubleheader against Mass. Maritime. The Lady Hornets won both games 9-1 and 2-1.

that the offense finally got the ball rolling.

"It was good that we got the offense going, because we've been a pretty good defensive team, but the offense we've had an issue with," Finnegan said.

The second game of the double-header could not have been more different. Both teams managed to only plate one run apiece through the first six innings. However, the Lady Hor-

nets scored the game-winning run in the top half of the last inning.

Finnegan thinks that the offense simply had a tougher time against Mass. Maritime's second starter.

"I think we had a hard time adjusting to the second pitcher being slower (than the first pitcher) because we were getting hits, we weren't just getting solid hits... We were too excited from

carrying on from the first game," Finnegan said.

Finnegan did not record one of the four hits by the team in the second game, but still enjoyed the experience of a tight game.

"It (the close game) was exciting, and it kept every-one into the game," Finnegan said.

These games were the first true test for the young team, and Finnegan feels that playing two

completely different games was the ideal result.

"The majority of our team is freshmen, so I think having the two extremes, being ahead by so much, and being so close, gives us the experience to play under pressure," Finnegan said.

Next up on the Lady Hornet's schedule is another double-header, this time at Mitchell College. Games are scheduled for this Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Do I Stay or Do I Go?

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

A player on the softball team informed me that there is only one returning player to the team.

After hearing this, I gave her a look that said "Are you kidding me?!" But no, this was the truth. And it's a sad truth at that.

This pretty much sums a lot of sports teams at LSC. Why can't we get athletes, like the ones on the softball team, to commit? I've been here three years, and all I've heard is about how this guy or that girl has "left" their respective team. Some people transfer, while others simply don't want to play anymore.

I think that's why a lot of our teams tend to struggle. We get talented players all the time, but most of them only stick around for a semester or two. That leaves our coaches in a frenzy, running around like chickens with their heads cut off in order to find more talented recruits.

Not only does this process get redundant, but it gets more and more difficult as we go along. If I were an amazing athlete, I would definitely be startled by how many of my kind leave after such little time. That

might even influence my decision to come here.

So if athletes are really influenced in such a way, then the school is continuing to lose out on good, committed athletes. A lot of our coaches go for athletes with higher ceilings, but lower floors. In other words, these athletes could be great for the school, but they also run the risk of leaving after a semester.

Don't get me wrong, this is no easy fix. The school just can't magically recruit people that want to play sports at colleges like Duke, Alabama, or LSU. What it can do, however, is try to stop focusing on the quantity of athletes, and instead focus on the quality.

We need more athletes that are better students and citizens! Those well-rounded type of people will not only give you a better effort, but should also stay committed to whatever sports team they choose to be on. Maybe it's time to avoid the recruits that have character concerns.

We're getting more students this coming semester, so maybe things will change. I applaud the effort for right now, but it remains to be seen if LSC will have the right kind of student-athlete, the kind I will be proud to write about in the future.

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Some Like it Hot, Just Not Ski Resorts in March



Joey Croft avoiding the thin cover.

Kyle Mecham
Critic Staff

Right when the thought of some extra snow entered the mind, spring slams through the door wearing swim trunks and sipping a cool martini.

For Burke Mountain, after a short, warm winter sporting a brand new high speed quad, this left much to be desired.

"Now we're just looking at it day by day," said Burke Mountain Manager Dick Andross on Sunday. "There's just no way to tell if it will really be as hot as they predict."

March 18 was the beginning of an enormous heat wave that spread across the Northeast coast. The high that day was 77 degrees, breaking the previous

record of 66 degrees set in 1927. The record-breaking didn't stop there. Monday March 19 was 74 degrees, breaking the previous record of 61 degrees set in 1968. Tuesday, the official first day of spring, was 77 degrees, breaking the previous record of 61 degrees set in 1976. Wednesday and Thursday were both a smoldering 81 degrees at the mountain, which broke the old record highs of 67 and 69 degrees set in 1946.

So many record highs in a row have not happened in East Burke in the month of March within the past half century, making it the longest March heat wave to hit the town in over 50 years.

Hannah Collins, Burke Mountain Marketing Head, said Thursday night's weather would be the deciding factor for



Sam Pierog enjoying unusual terrain.

Photos by Kyle Mecham

whether or not Burke would remain open through the weekend. "We can't control the weather," she said, "but we can do what we can with the snow to try to stay open as long as possible."

"We are going to try to have the pond skim event on March 31 after closing down the mountain for the week and hoping for the temperatures to get below freezing. That makes the snow manageable enough to build the setup."

As managers at Burke Mountain grit their teeth and cross their fingers, customers don't seem to mind the weather at all.

"It's way awesome to have this much of a base to start the spring skiing," beamed skier and LSC student Joey Croft. "Day after day of short sleeves and

soft turns! It doesn't get better than that."

When cruising down some patchy business with some buddies, there were nothing but smiles.

"The hardest part is stopping," proclaimed Drew O'Brien, LSC Senior. "The ride down is unreal. As soon as I stop it all catches up and I'm sweating again."

"I can't see us staying open for long," said lift operator Durwood Legacy, "But I'll tell you what, the skiing is different and I don't mind it. I was jumping grass spots yesterday!"

With the spirits high and the season drawing to a close, it leaves you wondering: Was it really all that bad of a winter?

To stay up to date with the conditions at Burke, visit SkiBurke.com.

St. Paddy's Day Sunburns

Bryan White
Critic Correspondent

There were a lot of people enjoying the nice spring weather over St. Paddy's weekend. Since it was the last weekend for the Sherburne Express to run, most of the college students and high school students were riding through the park getting in their last chances to ride the lower mountain.

Kalmen Rosenfield, coordinator of snowboarding lessons and snow sports, said, "On St. Paddy's day it was a beautiful day out, there were all the college kids getting rowdy in the park and a

good amount of people up top with a little bit of a line at the upper lift."

Sunday, March 18 was Kalmen's last day of work since the bottom of the mountain was closing, but it didn't keep him from enjoying the warm weather at Burke.

Lucas Pelletier, a cook in the cafeteria at the Mid Burke lodge said, "it was really busy on St. Patrick's day because it was really nice outside; we made a lot of food; we made corn beef and cabbage with carrots and potatoes and sold a lot of that. It was a really busy day and close to the last day of the year."

Burke was filled with people wearing green and celebrating with Irish food and lots of drinking. The Bear Den Lounge extended their patio to make room for all the skiers and snowboarders celebrating even after the lifts were closed for the day.

Brandon Villeneuve, a snowboarder and LSC student said, "St. Paddy's day was pretty busy but the conditions were absolutely beautiful. Sunny bluebird sky. There were definitely a lot of people celebrating on all the trails. It was great with everybody in the holiday spirit and being very friendly."

Even though Burke's ski season is coming to an end people are still enjoying the warm weather and wet snow.

"The snow was kind of weird but fun because it was so wet and so movable you could really get a good edge in, even though it kind of tossed you off in different directions," said Villeneuve.

The warm weather brought out students, tourists, and everyone else who loves celebrating St. Patrick's Day weekend to ride Burke and enjoy drinking at the bars afterward. Even when the lifts were closing for the day, the bar and patio was packed with people celebrating, and enjoying the last weekend of full mountain accessibility.

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Let's Get Naked: Willoughby's Nude Beach

Kexin Xie
Critic Correspondent

Ever heard of Lake Willoughby? Do you know there's a nude beach there?

Don't bring your camera or your libido with you if you are going to the beach. According to a regulation, cameras without permission and hanky-panky are prohibited.

You could find it yourself by following Route 5 north, and then choosing the right fork to the twisting and turning 5A. Park in the first lot on your left, and then follow the trail to the southwest cove. You will see a beach, or maybe, naked men and women.

If you decide to drop your clothes and join them in a nude sunbath, you would have a full view of the glacier-sculpted area. Mt. Pisgah and Mt. Hor are standing beside the lake, with a huge gap in-between, as if a giant took a bite

out of them. People cannot see the beach from the highway, so don't worry that they might get distracted counting nude bodies, and run into a tree.

Do you think it's too cold to go to the beach right now? Though it's still a bit chilly outside, it won't take too long for the temperature to climb up, or for the ice to melt. Until then, you'll also have other things to do at the picturesque lake.

"There was a fishing club with about a hundred people on the lake last week," says Frederick Kristofferson who has lived by the lake for more than 30 years. "They said the ice was a lot thinner than it should be."

"We are getting warmer, and the winter is getting shorter," says Dr. Jay Shafer, professor of meteorology. "The frozen days of the lake are a month shorter than 40 years ago."

That's not a good news for the envi-

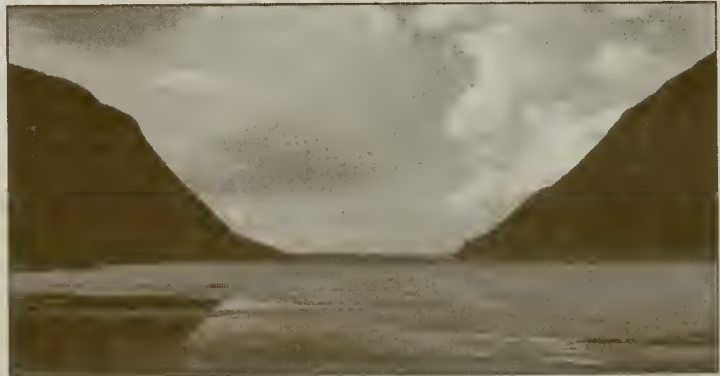


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Lake Willoughby has a nude beach that students can use.

ronment, but it's definitely exciting for those sun-worshippers and the one who wants a flawless, all-over tan.

Once the weather gets hot enough, if you take a journey to the lake, you might see people who are sunbathing in the buff

during the day, and having a late night party on this clothing-optional beach. Besides exposing yourself under the sun, you could also go fishing and boating on the lake, or hiking and exploring those two pre-historical mountains.

Kingdom Film Series on Campus

Jesilyn Amsden
Critic Staff

Lyndon State students and the community have the opportunity to view award-winning documentaries for free on campus.

The recommendation to bring the film series to campus was made by LSC President Steve Gold. Each documentary focuses on issues Vermont and Vermonters are facing. Kingdom County Productions is a local nonprofit organization established by Jay Craven and Bess O'Brien.

Last week's film was "Ask Us Who We Are," which focuses on the lives of young adults in foster care. The film involves many individuals and stories about the challenges they each face. The issue is brought to a very local level when you learn that a Lyndonville individual and a few Johnson State College students are included. "You will most likely not finish the film with dry eyes," stated Gold as he introduced the film alongside

O'Brien.

The film has a great amount of emotional one on one interviews with foster youth, foster parents, family members, adoptive parents, parents working to reunite with their children, and even those who had to make the decision to give up their children.

When asked about the process of making the film O'Brien shared, "We had about 75 hours of filming that had to be fit into an hour and a half. We could have made a film on each individual and their story."

A large amount of both students and community attended the showing. Afterwards there was a discussion combined with question and answer. Many had questions about the process and were intrigued about the foster care program in Vermont.

During questioning an individual asked how this film came about and O'Brien said, "An individual came to me after seeing a past film and said they viewed

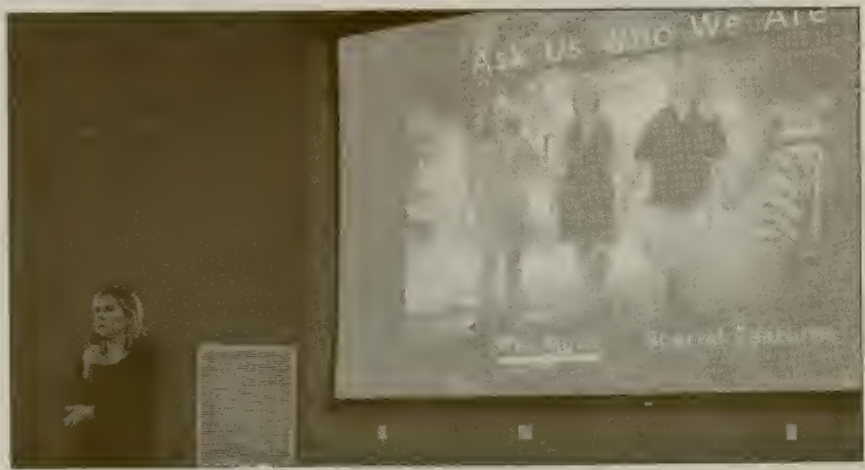


Photo by Jesilyn Amsden

Bess O'Brien introducing her documentary "Ask Us Who We Are."

foster care as an important issue effecting Vermont and that there were many voices that needed to be heard. The film has been shown in over 17 Vermont towns over the last year and over 1700 people have viewed it.

There are two more films in the series being brought to LSC. Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m., the film "Shout It Out" will be showing in Academic Student

Activities Center room 100. This film is a musical based on O'Brien's live musical, The Voices Project. It follows a group of Vermont high school students through the ups and downs of their teen years including pressures, friendships, relationships, and self struggles.

The last film in the series is "Journey into Courage," showing April 24, 7 p.m., in ASAC

100. This documentary shows the spirit of six Vermont women survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. It presents the stories involving the struggles, risks, healing process, and strength of the women.

For more information on the films you can visit Kingdom County Productions online at kingdomcounty.org.

Singing "Sweethearts" a Success

Adam Brothers
Critic Staff

The performance of Saints, Sinners, and Sweethearts earned a long and excited standing ovation on Sunday.

Opera singers, Ole Hass and wife Ingrid Cowan, accompanied by pianist Susan Ricci Rogel, performed in a unique environment for their standards, by the special request of Alexandre Stokanov, on behalf of the Lyndon cultural festival.

Lyndon student, Rain Nissen-Reilly said, "I haven't been to too many vocal recitals, so it was really nice to have that opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed my-

self." The performance began with Hass and Cowan reciting short lyrics together, initiated with, "Sound the Trumpet", and then the duet began taking turns singing solo.

Following the introductory lyrics, Hass and Cowan moved into their vocal performance of Abraham and Isaac. In this performance, Hass and Cowan paired together as the one voice of God, while in the absence of God Hass sang the voice of father Abraham, and Cowan sang the voice of son Isaac.

After the inspiring performance of Abraham and Isaac, the vocalists took a

short intermission, followed by a collection of well-chosen lyrics. These songs included renditions of works by such poets and lyricists as Roethke, Weinstein, Graves, and Joyce.

Hass and Cowan showcased the extents of their vocals to about 80 listeners, with remarkable stylistic variations of such lyrics as, "I Attempt From Love's Sickness," "Solitary Hotel," and "Ching-A-Ring Chaw."

At the conclusion of the performance, Cowan and Ricci Rogel were presented with bouquets of roses from their delighted friend and organizer of the per-

formance, professor Stokanov. Then, following their encore, the three performers bowed to a long-lasting standing ovation. And, if you can believe it, Stokanov was then called and ushered onto the stage by Cowan for a duet performance of, "Doe, a Dear."

Nissen-Reilly said, "As much as I enjoyed the performance, I think my favorite part may have been when Stokanov got on stage and sang!"

During the performance, Cowan exclaimed between songs, "How nice it is to work while being serenaded by your husband!"

The List:

Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion

Shopping in the Kingdom

Yvonne Black
Critic Columnist

Buying clothes in the Kingdom is a problem because there are literally zero options.

Right?
Wrong. Though it is not like shopping in Boston, Mass or even Manchester, VT, the fashion savvy still have a few options.

1) If shopping in Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury, you have a few options. There are several thrift stores in the area that are excellent for finding vintage bohemian pieces, such as HOPE, located right on Depot Street. Also, for basic pieces such as bras/tanks/ underwear, I don't think you can beat JC Pennys for price and comfort. The local Penny's is in the Green Mountain Mall. Caution: I am all about shopping at Pennys, but STAY AWAY from shirts with glitter, bedazzles, and faded graphic designs. Typically these items just look cheap.

2) Feeling up for the drive to Littleton? Looking for some outdoor gear? La-hout's in Littleton has three different locations and great outdoor clothing. They can be a little pricey, but the quality of the gear and clothing is high. Littleton's main street is home to several small clothing boutiques that carry great items from designer brands like "Ya Los Angeles" and "Free People."

3) Don't even wanna get out of bed? Break out the plastic and online shop. If you don't mind spending money, my top recommendations are freepeople.com for hippie bohemian chic, luckybrand.com for anything denim, and Nordstrom.com for business wear. Looking to save some cash? Shoes.com has great sales on designer boots, heels, and sneakers, and levi.com's clearance section has great quality jeans for as low as \$14.

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Weekly Sudoku

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Sudoku Rules:
Solving a Sudoku puzzle can be a tricky task, but the rules are quite simple. The object of Sudoku is to fill each empty box with a digit ranging from 1 to 9 in such a way that each number is only used once within each horizontal row, vertical column and 3 by 3 square outlined in bold.

Fit With Forester: Cute vs. Comfy



Morgan Forester
Web Editor

Okay ladies, how many times have you endured some form of torture to look cute?

Some of the men out there may not fully understand or appreciate just how much we really put ourselves through, but lets admit it, we do it for ourselves more than anyone else.

There is something about knowing you look good that just makes your day better, that is until you can no longer feel your feet.

I was in New York City this past weekend for a conference and jumped at the chance to breakout the cute shoes that would simply get ruined in the salt and mud here in Vermont. I knew my feet would kill me at some point so I made sure to bring some flats too. Interestingly, the flats did the most damage.

By day three of walking around the city the blisters had popped and begun to bleed. I finally broke down and bought a pair of flip-flops at the nearest souvenir shop. Moral of the story, sometimes it is just better to rock the comfy look, Band-Aids and all.

Exercise of the Week:
Step-ups

These can be done with or without weights. Again, if you want weights but don't have any, filled water bottles will work. Clear a space in your room so you won't trip or roll an ankle. Place your desk chair at the far edge of the space you have made, preferably against a wall for stability. Keeping good posture, step onto the chair and raise yourself up so your standing leg can toe-touch the edge of the chair. Hold for 10-20 seconds and then lower yourself back down. Repeat motion with the other leg and continue

to alternate legs for 15 reps each set counting as one rep. For more cardio, see how fast you can do these, maintaining good form.

Recipe of the Week:

Breakfast Mug

Quick, easy, and minimalistic but delicious.

Ingredients:

- 1-2 eggs (egg beaters may be more convenient)
- 1 Tbsp. water or milk if you have it
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 piece of pre-cooked microwave bacon or link sausage
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Grated cheese (optional)

Directions:

- Place butter in the mug and microwave on high for 20-30 seconds or until melted.
- Whip the egg(s), water and salt and pepper together with a fork and added to the mug.
- Cook on high in the microwave for 35 seconds to one minute and 20 seconds depending on the amount of egg(s), stirring the egg(s) half way through the cooking time.
- Take out of the microwave and add the crumbled bacon or sausage and cheese. Allow the eggs to sit for a few seconds, as they will be hot.

Activity of the Week:

T-Shirt Pillows

If you have any old T-shirts that you loved the look of but just can't wear anymore, wash them and buy some Polyfill pillow stuffing. Cut off the sleeves and collar of the shirt and cut up the sides so you have two pieces of fabric. Keeping the pieces of fabric together cut slits into the sides of the fabric every inch, about two inches deep. For the best results, start at a corner and try to keep the number of cuts you make on one side even with the number of cuts on its opposite side. Once all of your strips have been cut, tie the two pieces of fabric together by tying the adjoining strips together in a double knot. Once you have three sides done, you can fill your pillow to the desired size and then finish tying the last side. When you're done you have a new pillow.

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Respect The Beard

Adam Brothers
Critic Staff

Not all beards were created equal, so this week, we're delving into the bush to discover the true meaning behind the beard.

For some, beards are a lack of interest in shaving. For others, it's a symbol of wisdom. The rest, well, their beards are there to just look damn good.

For Chris Mullen, he sports his beard for a slightly different reason. "I have a beard to make my face jealous," Mullen revealed. He also told that one of the main tricks to a good beard is a complementing moustache.

Having been growing his beard for a year and a half, Mullen is careful to keep his beard untrimmed, naturally growing, and freshly combed. "It's very important for the beard to grow naturally," Mullen said.

He achieves his maintenance with a flea comb, which has bristles just properly spaced from each other so that the hairs of his beard stay looking unique and relatively kempt, when combed. Regarding his unique style, Mullen told, "I'm going for an Amish/Viking look. I find it works very well."

Mullen also says that there are some sources of inspiration for his beard, including some websites, but that no influence is more powerful for him than surrounding himself with other bearded fellows.

Aaron Emerson, or Ace, is amongst those other fellows with righteous beards. In speaking first of Mullen's beard, Emerson said, "Chris' beard is magical."

But on the note of Emerson's own



Chris Mullen grooming his mane.

beard, it is thick and full. "If you're going to have a beard, it's got to be A BEARD," he said. All his life Emerson wanted a beard and thought, "man, when I have a beard, it'll be great." And today, he has one of the thickest beards on campus.

Alexandre the Great, during his reign, banned beards from his soldiers so that enemies could not take advantage by pulling on the beards. Following telling

this, Emerson said, "Warfare is the anti-beard."

Emerson trimmed his beard back in December, and before that it had been the largest he has ever had, protruding well out past his chin. It had been growing for six months now.

Like Mullen, Emerson finds reassurance and motivation within the bearded community that exists not only in person, but online at Beardedly.com.

Other bearded folks around have



Aaron Emerson, better known as Ace, with his grizzly beard.

found inspiration for the beard in other ways. Senior Lenny Basiliere started growing his beard in tradition of No Shave November, and has kept it growing, now in tradition of Mountain Man March.

Damon Parker, a beardless fellow, said while conversing of Basiliere's beard, "He almost looks like a wizard."

With a starred cap and robes, Basiliere may fool some, but his beard never fools him. To assert his ownership of the beard, Basiliere washes and combs the mane of his chin every day, and trims the sides as he gets haircuts. "If I don't comb it every day, it gets gnarly and disarrayed," he told.

John Kennedy said of Basiliere's facial hair, "I've never know Lenny without a beard."

Basiliere has gotten comments on his beard saying that he looks like Zac Brown, of Zac Brown Band, Opie Winston of Sons of Anarchy, and even King Leonidas from the film 300. In reference to the motorcycle television character, Basiliere said, "I would if I could afford a Harley. But I could totally joust as a knight too."

Beards are growing rampantly amidst our campus community, but not all men out there are capable of achieving the mighty beard. LSC student, Nicholas Chester is one of those men. "My face just can't grow a beard, or a moustache, or a goatee," he said. "It's just not trying to grow hair, just not feeling it. But at least I don't have to worry about shaving too much."

Getting back into the beards, Thom Anderson, of the Mountain Recreation department, sports a short grayish black

beard. The beard of Anderson has been off and on for the past twenty-five years but he has it for two reasons. One being that his girlfriend doesn't like the feel of the rough hair that shows up around five o'clock after a day of a clean-shaven face, because sandpaper doesn't feel pleasant. And secondly, but more importantly, he just doesn't like shaving. So, when summer rolls on in, Anderson will be switching over to the goatee.

Mullen however, finds there to be a benefit to having a beard in the summertime.

"While a beard is warming in the winter, and the reason we as humans have hair, in the summertime the beard is good wicking material and keeps the sweat off my face. Plus it blocks the sun," he said.

LSC student and Summit of Thieves band founder, Trever Gross, has a rugged beard as well. "I've always wanted a beard," Gross told. "People seem to know me with a beard." But Gross has also been thought to look like Yukon Cornelius.

To care for his face, Gross shaves the beard every eight months or so, "in one

fell swoop, and then I let it all grow back," he said. "The band's on tour this summer, so with the beard people will always recognize me."

LSC frequent, Joey Nelson, nicknamed Joey Gingerbeard, has perhaps the brightest of beards, sporting a rugged red mane. He simply doesn't shave his beard because he likes the way it looks naturally. But that sentiment doesn't always prevail. "Some days I wish I could shave it off and just put it back on the next day, but that's just too impractical," Nelson told.

LSC student, Ry Wolfel, has a thick beard and something to say himself. "Let me tell you about my beard," he led off, "It's an extension of the face. It's got to be thick-bodied and well-rounded." Referring to his beard as 'the bush,' Wolfel's beard of a reddish hue doesn't exactly match the color of his brown hair. To clarify, Wolfel told, "What I've heard is that the first few times you fully grow out a beard, it comes in reddish. It'll take on my natural hair color eventually."

Sonya Bridges, a girl who appreciates the beard of men said, "If it's not patchy and scratty, it's hot as hell. It's rugged and all that is man."

Kara Tomlinson agrees. "As long as it's maintained, a guy can take pride in his beard. I mean, I've always liked facial hair on guys."

Wolfel trimmed his beard last in January, lightly, but the beard has been growing strong since last September.

Gross told, "people just seem to know me with a beard. It's one of those defining features."

And as put definitively by Emerson, "You know a true beard when you see one."



Ry Wolfel in the sun, rockin' the beard.



Trever Gross, with the Yukon Cornelius look.



Joey "Ginger Beard" Nelson mean muggin'.



Lenny Basiliere pondering the mighty beard.



Photos by Adam Brothers

Thom Anderson before his summer goatee.

It's Spring in the NEK

As temperatures rose to near 80°, students headed outdoors to enjoy the sun. From studying to barbecuing, everyone took full advantage of the warm weather.

Photos by Sierra Willenburg



Above, L to R, Anthony "Amp" Andrew, Mason Brewer, Michael Dade, Jed Snow, Joe Cioffi, and Matthew "Matty-B" Bryan barbecue in the Wheelock parking lot.



"Maryland John" shows off for the Critic's photographer.



Above: Travis Cox studies near the library pond.

Below: Matthew "Matty-B" Bryan stays hydrated during the unseasonably warm weather.



J.P. Fabio, Nolan Pierce, and Maryland John skateboard outside of Vail.

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SGA LOVIN'

COUPLE RUNNING FOR EXEC. BOARD POSITIONS UNOPPOSED

Eric Blaisdell
RJ Kauffman
Critic Staff

There may be a power couple in the Student Government Association.

SGA Executive Vice President Sean Siciliano is running unopposed for SGA President and his girlfriend and SGA elected representative Samantha Lubke is running unopposed for SGA Administrative Vice President.

"I don't think there will be any conflict," said Siciliano. "We've been in SGA for two years together and we talk about a lot of things that happen with votes and things like that at SGA meetings."

Meghan Dolyak, who is running unopposed for the position

of SGA executive vice president and is currently administrative vice president, has witnessed the two together in the Student Activities Leadership Center office.

"They'll fight with each other a little bit and they will go at each other a little bit and then they get over it," said Dolyak, adding that those fights could happen in SGA meetings, but they will work it out.

Some students are not as sure.

"Some people can do it, but I've been in a position where I was in charge of my girlfriend at one time and that was actually difficult trying to tell her what to do," said senior Charles Lockwood. "I was hesitant in actually telling her what to do because of that relationship."

See 'Couple' page 5



SOURCES: CARLOZZI LEAVING LSC SEARCHING FOR NEW RHD

Morgan Forester
Web Editor

It has been reported that a certain Residence Hall Director will be leaving Lyndon at the end of term.

Sources have said that Kayla Carlozzi is the RHD leaving but no one in Residence Life Staff has confirmed or denied this. RHDs Melissa Nelson, Jonathan Ross and Carlozzi were asked if they were leaving. All declined to comment.

"It's really up to them whether they want to talk about it or not," says Residence Life Director Erin Rossetti.

"There is a posting so obviously there's an opening. It's been posted both internally and on outside sites, I believe at highcred.com or studentaffairs.com"

According to Rossetti, the RHD's resignation came in a couple weeks ago.

"This is a pretty typical time for hall directors to decide whether they are returning to the position or not because in Residence Life we are trying to get a jump start on next year. There are a lot of people in the field who are looking right now."

Those people looking to be RHD's are typically on their way towards a Master's Degree pro-

grams or, if they have their Master's, are looking for a little extra experience before they work their way up to a job in academics, or other areas related to higher education.

Rossetti says that an RHD position is often used as a "spring board to these other positions."

"It's great experience in terms of leadership."

LSC is currently looking collecting resumes for the position.

"Because the job posting is on these external sites we are able to get a nice diversity of applicants from lots of different backgrounds," says Rossetti.

According to the job posting this is what Lyndon is searching for.

"Requirements include a bachelor's degree plus one or more years of experience as a student resident assistant, or a combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and skills are acquired; master's degree preferred. Must have good administrative and supervisory skills and be able to deal effectively with students, as well as a wide range of college personnel, parents, and others outside the college." (Taken from studentaffairs.com)

Once resumes have been collected it is up to a search com-

mittee to decide who will be the next RHD at Lyndon.

Rossetti says that the committee is "mostly comprised of staff and Residence Life staff who will be working loosely with the new RHD. There is also student representation in the committee."

She also says that the search committee goes through a similar process to any other search committee on campus. This means looking through resumes, making calls to those candidates chosen to come see the school and then using group meet and greets to decide who is the best fit for Lyndon State.

Regardless of which RHD is leaving us Rossetti says there will be a chance to say goodbye.

"Generally when anyone leaves Lyndon, there is an opportunity for people can say goodbye."

She says that this sometimes falls more in the summer depending on when resignation goes through so it may wind up being more of a faculty and staff going away party but with this position being very student oriented she will not be surprised if the event is scheduled for a time when students may also take part.

SUCCESSFULLY DRESSED



Photo by Samantha VanSchoick

Tuesday, students were able to select business attire from donations collected by the Admissions office. Out of the 49 suits, 123 pairs of pants, 69 jackets, and 98 shirts that began the event, 40 students were made fashionable for free. Above, exercise science majors Tyler Tinker and Nick Gralenski are ready to get into these pants.

Campus Calendar

4/14: CAB Bus Trip to Providence
4/15: "War Horse" at 6 p.m. in ASAC 100
Wed. 4/18: SGA Meeting

A Quote to Note

"I got haters, like when will he stop? Maybe a minute after never, so set your clocks."
- Lil Wayne

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Criminal Justice: Professionals Sorely Needed

Robert Patton
Opinion Editor

Good news for Criminal Justice majors. By the time you graduate at the rate things are going, there will be ample job opportunities right next door.

First there was the Village of Lyndonville's demand to Chief Harris to crank up traffic and parking tickets to help meet this year's expenses. Then the Caledonia County Sheriff's department raided the Town of Lyndon's three-man force and induced an officer to jump ship without notice. And we thought these law enforcement guys thought of themselves as a brotherhood. Oh well.

Not long after that, there was panic in St. Johnsbury following a prison escape in which the authorities notified the wrong town. Of course the big jailbreak was nothing more than two non-violent types foolishly walking off from where they were supposed to be working. So don't expect to see a Hollywood movie version next year.

Then there was the new guy on the St. Jay force, actually a 20-year-old girl who made headlines by single-handedly busting a drug lord in town. Just kidding. It was some guy who had a trivial amount of marijuana in some sealed plastic bags in his car as well as a little

cocaine. The intrepid young rookie claimed to have smelled the drugs and the driver agreed to a search. Meanwhile the young lady accused the second in command of the department of sexual harassment and the town manager suspended him for three weeks without pay.

Next the town manager got the axe himself and the harassment victim resigned from the force citing fear of retaliation as her reason.

Tragically in the middle of all this Keystone Cops nonsense, a real crime occurred: the senseless and brutal murder of a much loved St. Johnsbury Academy science teacher who left behind a two-year old boy. Let's hope that local law enforcement steps up to the plate and does the professional job we expect of them.

In the meantime, many local businesses are doing what they can to help the little boy who was orphaned by his mom's killers. On Saturday, Milk House Ice Cream at 292 Portland St. in St. Johnsbury is opening for the season and will donate all profits for the day to the Melissa Jenkins Memorial Fund in support of her son Ty. The Vermont Clothing Company is offering a "Wear Pink for Melissa Jenkind" T-shirt and will donate 100 percent of all profits to the Fund.

President's Corner: Why We Deserve Pay

Nicholas Russo
Student Body President

Welcome to the home stretch of the LSC academic year. In the world of student government, that means executive board election time. Elections will start on Monday, April 16 at 10 am and last until Wednesday, April 18 at 4 pm. Most voting will be done online at www.lyndonsga.com. A voting booth will also be open in the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby on Monday and Wednesday and in the Student Center on Tuesday.

I will not be seeking re-election as SGA president next year. I have had an incredibly rewarding experience this year, but it is time to pass the torch to a new student body president. I look forward to continuing to serve LSC in my senior year as a [paid] Peer Leader and hopefully as the next Vermont State Colleges student trustee.

It is very important to vote in the SGA executive board elections. The four students who serve on the SGA executive board are your representatives to the administration and have significant responsibilities. If there is anything at LSC that you want to see changed or improved, I strongly encourage you to speak with the candidates and make your voice heard at the voting booth.

Now I want to turn to one of the most controversial issues of my time in office, executive board compensation. I've heard and read a few students' opinions that we do not deserve compensation because "everyone works hard" and "the money should go to clubs or student activities", or it should help "needy students".

Everyone works hard in class but few go above and beyond to serve the greater good of the students. Contrary to what Opinion Editor Bob Patton wrote last week, we are not the only student leaders who are paid. Peer Leaders and Resident Assistants are compensated [by the college] for their work either in monetary form on in a full room and board reimbursement. Having been a part of both of those jobs in my

time at LSC, I can safely say that the amount of time I put in for SGA is comparable to the time I put in for those jobs.

A quick look at the SGA general fund reveals over \$55,000 available to the clubs. Most of this money has been available all year, and it is still there. As an executive board, we put in our time, not to serve ourselves or our own interests, but to help make student activities happen for all students. The \$1,000 stipend essentially is a merit-based scholarship, and over 71% of Student Governments are compensated. If the SGA does not want to grant me compensation, I will survive, but no one is more deserving of compensation than the three people who sit to my left at SGA, Executive VP Sean Siciliano, Administrative VP Meghan Dolyak, and Financial Controller Julie Austin.

Editorial Reply:

There are many ways for students to be compensated for hard work that goes "above and beyond" to serve the greater good. But there is only one way for students to be paid out of the activity fees of their fellow students. That way is to take advantage of the political power of the student government.

Those who work hard at the radio station or on the Veterans Club or even this newspaper do so to serve the interests of their fellow students and neither ask for nor receive financial rewards.

Peer leaders, resident assistants, tutors, and those in a variety of work-study positions are not paid by students. To claim that using political power to pick the pockets of fellow students is in the same category as working for a salary or hourly payment defies logic.

That this sort of thing goes on all the time in the real world of hardball politics makes it even more important that it be nipped in the bud before students graduate thinking that the world is supposed to work that way.

Robert Patton




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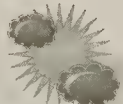




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When Will Washington Clean up its Mess?

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

Our future is bleak. At the end of fiscal year 2011, our federal government's gross debt was \$14.8 trillion or about 99 percent of our economy. Our total liabilities and unfunded obligations totaled \$65.5 trillion.

Even if you're not a math major, you can see that we are currently facing an incredible fiscal crisis. The sad truth is, our politicians don't recognize how screwed we are. In 2007 and 2011 both President Bush and President Obama stated, "the state of our union is strong".

If you had trillions of dollars worth of credit card debt, would you feel confident in saying that the state of your bank account is strong? Washington D.C. instead wants to polarize our country's future on either extreme cuts to our nations most

vulnerable or to raise an insane amount of taxes on the job creators and wealthy citizens throughout our country. It has turned into a case of class warfare that our generation will have to clean.

Let's lay out a simple plan. Why don't we combine both ideas of spending cuts and an increase in taxes and take a balanced approach to getting America back to work. I mean, doesn't it seem simple? Drop your deep devotion to being a Democrat or a Republican and instead raise your true flag of being an American.

This past week, Mitt Romney effectively won the Republican nomination for President. From here on out it will be a battle for the White House. I hope that it can be a true discussion on the future of our nation, instead of tired rhetoric from both parties on failed poli-

cies of the past. I'm tired of high gas prices, wars, unsustainable economic policies and the same, old promise of hope and change. How about the promise of opportunity for college students like you and I?

It's sad when the average family income in Caledonia County is 30,000 dollars a year. It's sad when a family cannot afford to pay their heating bill for the winter. It's sad when a student can't afford to buy groceries because they are paying back huge amounts in student loans.

It is time for a new day, a new opportunity to create an environment that allows for job creation. I hope that Washington D.C. stops acting like a bunch of eight year olds and clean up their mess. If they don't, it'll be up to us to save America.

Vox Populi

To the Editor:

I am writing to correct my good friend and colleague John DeLeo's misstatement about faculty salaries that appeared in the previous week's Critic (LSC Salaries: Points Equal Profit). He stated that: "it's [faculty salaries] all driven by the union." Dr. DeLeo is an active and valued member of our union, and he knows that faculty salaries are negotiated between the VSC administration and the VSC Faculty Federation. Faculty salaries are thus the work of two well-informed parties who know what they are doing and who know a lot about faculty salaries nationwide.

Also, the Critic reader might be interested to know that parties negotiated the "point" system into being many decades ago to combat the gross gender inequities that existed within the teaching ranks of the VSC and nationwide.

Our system for determining salary, while somewhat difficult to grasp, is gender blind, color blind, crony blind, and field-of-study blind. In other words, it is as unaffected as possible to the subjective influences of prejudice and personal preferences of those in power. It is a system about which both administration and union are justifiably proud.

Timothy Miles Sturm, PhD
LSC-VSC Faculty Federation
Chapter Chair

From the Opinion Editor:
So, salaries are not driven by the union, but by the deal that the Faculty Federation cuts with the administration. Isn't that the union Prof. DeLeo was referring to? As further clarification, doesn't the "blind" system mean that Albert Einstein or Martin Luther King, were they alive today and applying to teach at Lyndon, would start at the bottom of the heap? One might also ask why administrators are paid far more than professors? What say you Dr. Sturm?

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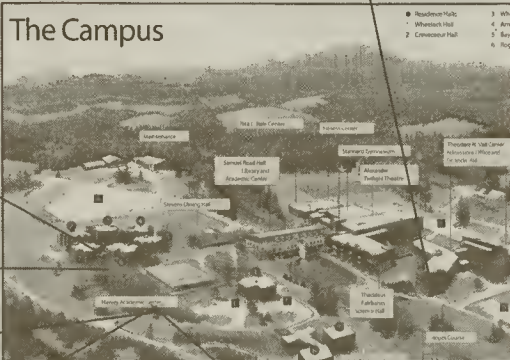
4/11 Stonehenge Parking Lot / Vehicle Parked Too Close:

"You mean I can tailgate when I'm NOT driving?"

4/11 Butt Hut / Graffiti:
Is it really called graffiti if it's in the Butt Hut?

3/26 Whitelaw/Student Harassed Via Telephone:
"I just couldn't get a word in. It was terrible!"

The Campus



3/28 Arnold/Marijuana
Next week's meeting moved to Whitelaw.

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Meet the New Eats

Representatives from Sodexo, next year's food service provider, met with student members of the food service committee on April 11 to talk about options for next year. From left: Rob MacFarlane, District Manager; Joey McClain, General Manager; and a Sodexo representative, District Manager.

Photo by Eric Blaisdell

10 Questions With Hertz

Tyler Dumont
Critic Correspondent

When Barry Hertz joined the Lyndon State College community in 1980, he never realized he'd still be teaching early education methods in the same classroom over thirty years later.

After studying business at Bryant College, he attended Temple University and earned a Doctorate in Early Childhood Education. He has been a classroom teacher, a teacher in the Temple University Laboratory School, a day care center director and an executive director for a county day care association.

Hertz, of East Burke, served as Chair of the L.S.C. Faculty for eight years, taught graduate level Early Childhood curriculum development courses for Wheelock College and The University of Vermont.

As a dedicated professional who has helped license hundreds of educators, Hertz is proud to look back at all he has experienced throughout his life - and here at Lyndon.

Q: Why did you apply to teach at Lyndon?

A: My wife and I had been living in Philadelphia, and we wanted to move to a more rural area that had farming in the community. We even started a small "farm," raising pigs, sheep and turkeys

over the years.

Q: How have L.S.C. students changed over the years?

A: Students are a lot less formal today. They are also much more visibly enthusiastic and well rounded. They're not as "teacher focused," because they have a lot more going on.

Q: Who was your favorite graduating class and why?

A: I'm not sure I have one. There are always unique individuals that stick out, and I miss a lot of them deeply.

Q: What were your years in college like?

A: They were very social. I wasn't really focused on my academics at Bryant. I was the vice president of my fraternity, Tau Epsilon Phi. I was also the sports editor at the student newspaper.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: I would have to say Rudy. I like it because it is about perseverance and somebody who never gives up!

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: I love Indian food. I traveled there in 1972 on "Overland to India," they do things so differently there. My favorite dish is goat curry.

Q: What was your most embarrass-

ing moment while teaching?

A: I had a teacher who got on top of his desk and shouted one time to prove a point, and it always stuck with me. So, I decided to try it - and every year, at the end of the semester, I would get up on top of a desk and rip up a lesson plan in front of my class to prove that it's okay to adjust what you had scheduled.

However, one year I did it and the desk collapsed. Needless to say, I fell and bloodied my shin. But, I still ripped up the lesson plans!

Q: If there was one thing you could go back and change in regards to your time here, what would it be?

A: I would get rid of the politics in my department. It gets to be a bit much at times.

Q: Who is your most admired fellow Lyndon faculty member?

A: I would have to say Alison Lathrop. She teaches Geology and is highly intelligent. She is honestly diplomatic and has a high respect for higher education, students and fellow faculty members. She also has a lot of common sense!

Q: If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

A: I'd first set up a charitable trust to give half of it away. Then, I would

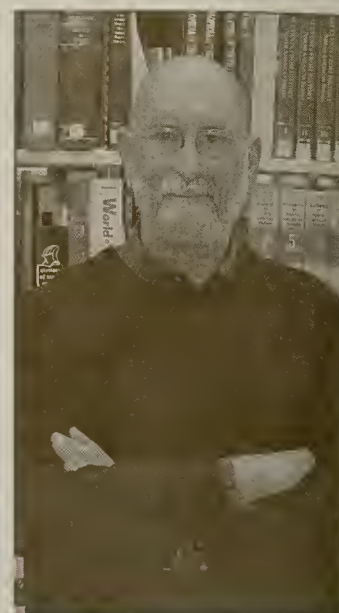


Photo By Tyler Dumont

Barry Hertz will be retiring this semester.

take my wife to India and my grandchildren to Europe. I'd also pave my driveway!

Hertz will retire from L.S.C. after correcting his last sets of finals in May after serving the Lyndon community for 32 years. He plans on travelling and spending time with his wife, Mary Ann, and his four children, two of which have also become teachers. To wish him farewell, stop by his office in Vail 407.

Replacing Retired

Jesi Amsden
Critic Staff

Dean Donna Dalton says she doesn't like to use the word "replace" when she talks about filling the positions of two professors who are retiring. "Replace" suggests that someone will be hired who will do exactly the same things, and that is rarely the case," Dalton said.

Lyndon State will be saying farewell to professors Linda Mitchell and Barry Hertz who have both been a part of the college community for more than 20 years.

The college is faced with a choice to hire new professors or to have current professors teach courses formerly

taught by Hertz and Mitchell.

Dalton confirmed that the hiring process is currently underway, "We have advertised for a new faculty member in Education, who needs to have a degree in Early Childhood Education. We have also advertised for a one-year position in Business."

Change comes every year through new students and new faculty.

But the departure of individuals that have been a part of the college community for years will not go unnoticed.

Dalton says, "We hope that the impact will be minimal, but of course, it is always bittersweet when a long-serving faculty member retires."



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'Couple' (Cont. from page 1)

Lockwood thinks there could also be a conflict of interest.

"There usually is if one is in charge of the other," he said.

Lockwood wishes them luck.

"They probably won't be boyfriend and girlfriend for very long," he said.

SGA elections are on April 16, 17 and 18, and the candidates are ready. There was a forum held in the Stevens Dining Hall, but few students attended.

With only four candidates for four positions the SGA race will not be a prizefight, but these positions are important to those who run, and those who care.

Siciliano has been involved in SGA for three years and decided this is what he wanted to do.

Siciliano started as an SGA rep. for Campus Activities Board on the executive board and realized that talking to students and getting their voices heard is what was important to him.

Siciliano said that if elected "I plan to keep SGA on track with looking at the college and its policies. Trying to get SGA to look at the student body and not just the clubs."

Next is the candidate for SGA Executive Vice President, Dolyak.

Dolyak wants to become the Executive Vice President because the "position holds a lot of interesting opportunities."

Dolyak got hooked freshman year after seeing how much in-

fluence SGA had and then ran sophomore year as a second year elected representative.

Dolyak wants to open up the communication between SGA and the clubs and organizations.

Running for Administrative Vice President is Samantha Lubke.

Lubke wants to run to get those students who are not involved in SGA, interested in SGA.

Lubke got into SGA after she did not feel "connected to campus."

Lubke's goal is to bridge the gap between students and the student government, while continuing to post agendas and notes online about SGA. This will allow students to stay connected through student government through the Internet.

Lubke works as an academic support writing tutor as well as in the SALC office.

The final position that is at stake is Financial Controller. Julie Austin is running for this position.

Austin is currently the Financial Controller, and chose to run for the position again because she enjoys the position and the people she works with.

Austin got involved last year after "learning how involved with the campus this position makes you."

Austin will continue to work closely with the clubs and organizations with their financial standing, and financial needs.

Austin not only works as the Financial Controller already but is also a sophomore in accounting.



Photos by Eric Blaisdell
SGA candidates Sean Siciliano and Sami Lubke are also dating

Titanic Times for LSC

Ian Sullivan
Critic Correspondent

For those who know or may not know, 2012 also has another 100th anniversary attached to it. This is much more somber than LSC's founding. This weekend will mark the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic, which has become one of the most iconic disasters in the world.

For those who might not know, the Titanic was one of the largest ocean liners of its time. Built alongside her sister ships (Olympic and later Britannic), she was meant to bring back the passenger trade to the White Star Line - a British company which was, ironically, owned by American tycoon J.P. Morgan. More importantly, the Titanic would become a symbol of humanity's superiority. In that it had finally conquered nature, or even God.

On April 10th, 1912, the RMS Titanic left the White Star Line pier in Southampton, England on its maiden voyage. After picking up more passengers the following day in France and Ireland, the Titanic started to make its way to New York. On board were over two thousand and two hundred people, from the rich of 1st Class all the way down to the immigrants of 3rd Class (or steerage). Sadly, on the night of April 14th, the Titanic would collide with an iceberg, and would go down to the bottom of the Atlantic in a mere two hours and forty minutes.

Tragically, there were not enough lifeboats to save everyone, as the rules at that time did not order shipping companies to have enough lifeboats for everyone. Over fifteen hundred people would ultimately lose their lives that cold April night, and would shatter the optimistic beliefs that everyone in modern society had.

But those are the basic facts of the Titanic. There are thousands of details about Titanic that are too numerous to include in one article. I'm sure most you who were old enough went to see James Cameron's "Titanic," back in 1997-which has just come out again to theatres in 3D. While highly entertaining, Cameron's film contains several large inaccuracies that a Titanic-connoisseur such as myself cannot ignore.

For instance, there was no attempt for the head of the White Star Line-J.Bruce Ismay-to see if the Titanic could hold the record as the fastest ship on the Atlantic. The reason is that it was impossible for the Titanic to hold this record in the first place-she was built for luxury, not speed.

Also, during the sinking, there was no deliberate policy to prevent the 3rd Class passengers from escaping. This is because many of the crew did not even know the seriousness of the situation. Most of the crew themselves did not panic, as was shown in the film. For this, many of them ended up becoming the largest group of people to die that night simply because they stayed helping others and doing their duty.

This is especially true of the ship's officers, with half of them going down with the ship. For example, we look at the controversy surrounding 1st Officer William Murdoch- who was in charge when the Titanic hit the iceberg. In the movie, he was shown to shoot two passengers before committing suicide. However, there is very little hard evidence that this happened at all those last few minutes, since none of the survivors could remember which officer was which.

Anyway, the whole point of this article is for everyone to remember that almost one hundred years ago, one of the most significant events in world history occurred on a cold April night in the middle of the Atlantic. To me, the Titanic still holds a very deep significance in human society. As such, it is my hope that this ship-and the people who were on it-are remembered and honored for years to come.

If anyone has any questions on the Titanic-as this article certainly did not cover everything about this event-please feel free to email me through my school email. Anyone who wants to read further on this event should look into the books "A Night to Remember," by Walter Lord, and "Unsinkable: The Full Story of the RMS Titanic," by Daniel Allen Butler. An excellent internet source to look at is the website for the Titanic Historical Society.

As a final note, I hope that those of you who read this had found renewed interests in this tragic, yet powerful, event.



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When the Twilight Players take the stage to perform "Pippin," there will be a generation of ghosts sitting in the audience and a nostalgic feeling in the air. It has been 34 years since the music from "Pippin" filled the Alexander Twilight Theatre.

The 1978 director was Phil Anderson, former head of LSC's theater department.

"When we were suddenly confronted with the rights to do 'Pippin,' it hadn't been released yet and we were in the middle of planning and about to go into rehearsals for 'Hello Dolly,'" said Anderson. "We were informed that 'Pippin' was available and we leaped at the chance, got the rights to do it, and we were the first amateur production of 'Pippin' in the country. I don't know how we found out, but the rights to 'Pippin' became available and we grabbed the opportunity."

The current director of "Pippin" is Gianna Fregosi, instructor of theater at Lyndon for the last two years. She says that this year's group has a timely advantage over the original production.

"We also get to enjoy the benefit that this show has been around for 30 plus years and it's one of those shows where people who love it will travel just about anywhere to see it," says Fregosi. "Pippin fans are like Grateful Dead fans; there's such a love for this show."

In the musical, Pippin is the son of King Charlemagne. The story depicts Pippin's quest for happiness which involves killing his father, becoming king, losing the crown and eventually, falling in love.

About 25 former theater and "Pippin" cast members plan to attend the Saturday performance of the musical. Alumni will be coming from as far away as Kansas and Colorado.

Anderson has stayed in close contact with about 20 of the students from the original cast. The original production required the involvement of 25-30 people. Three people have since died and one, the original Pippin, Paul Hopkins, continues his 20 year fight with cancer.

Jenny Harris was a chorus member in the original production of "Pippin" and is now an alumni development officer for Lyndon. Harris recalls the excitement about the play, but didn't pay much attention to it at the time.

"The whole college was pretty involved with the production happening. I remember people coming in and wanting to be aware of what was happening," said Harris. "There was a big excitement about that [the license], but I wasn't totally aware of it at the time, I don't think. When I've talked to people since then, I was made aware of how big a deal it was at the time."

The Twilight Players are a campus club. Students pitch the idea of shows they want to perform and then vote on the options collectively. This year's production of "Pippin" was suggested with the thought of recognizing its history at Lyndon

and the alumni (previously) involved.

This year, Daniel Haycock, a senior liberal studies major, is playing the character of Pippin. Haycock believes that the original cast will be able to relate to this year's version of the musical.

"The historical twist that we're taking is the time that the original cast was living through so it's going to be interesting to see their reaction," said Haycock.

Anderson (the original director) said a different director calls for a different, final product.

"Theater is an interpretive art so there's many ways to envision a particular production," said Anderson. "I'm very curious to know how they're going to do it. You can take one play and you can put it in the hands of a dozen different directors, and you'll get a dozen different ways to stage and visualize that dramatic piece."

Harris said that the storyline of the production of Pippin, in the 70s, reflected the feeling of the era for the college students of the time.

"It was kind of a different time then. We had this combination of being really serious about theater and about the show and about it being exactly right. Everybody wanted it to be just perfect," said Harris (about the LSC theatre group at the time). "In the 70s, it was the end of the hippie, free love, generation. There was something about the theme of the show itself. It was about leaving your worries and realizing that there was magic to do. You had the capacity to create this magical illusion. I think students now are more serious sooner about life, than we were. We weren't too worried about things in general. We lived for the moment. You could really relate to the show."

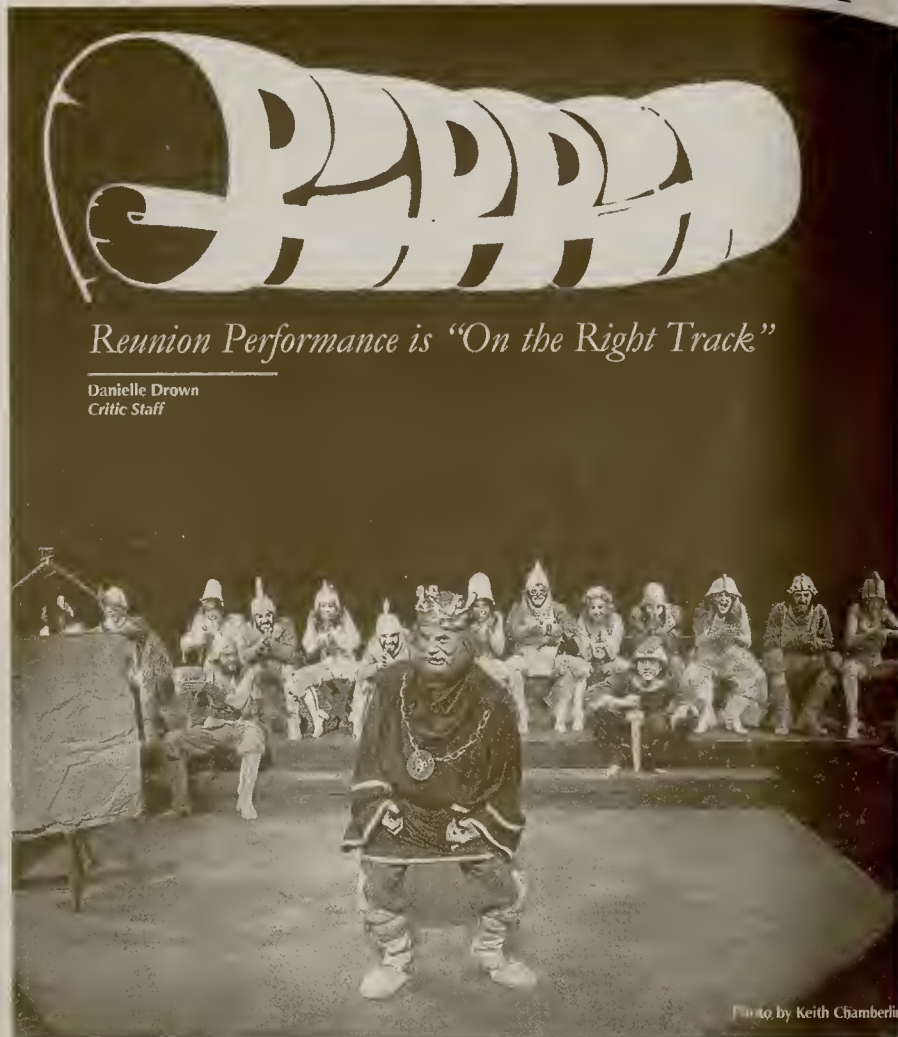
Fregosi (this year's director) says that this production will be based on the 1970s period that "Pippin" was originally written in. They are taking an approach different from the original script set in a medieval time.

"The thing that really struck me about this show is it is definitely a product of its era. It definitely screams 1970s and you can't escape that," says Fregosi. "It's not going to be so much a hippie look as it's going to be 70s, arty, more modern and clean."

In terms of props and costumes, Fregosi is trading in the swords and medieval garb of the original script and replacing them with rifles and military uniforms.

"The 70s did a lot of musicals that broke ground as far as challenging what the standard ideas of musicals were," she says. "Pippin" was originally written without an overture and intermission and Fregosi will stick to that style. "We're going for more of a 20th century look."

Pat Webster was a chorus member from the original cast of "Pippin." She remembers the costume production being inventive and



Reunion Performance is "On the Right Track"

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

Above: (L to R) Pat Webster, David Russell, Donnie Bruce, Beth Laughlin, Joe Laberge, David Stock, Lisa Buckler, Bob Pecchia, Liz Faust, Paul Hopkins, Tim Keating, Jenny Harris, Howard Cramer, Nancy Berkett
Below: (L to R) Haley Mackres, Niki Slabinski, Day Haycock, Karen Sague, Dan Rowe, Elizabeth Sousa, Alison Moore, Jaqueline Laviolette



Below: The cast of Pippin rehearses



detail-oriented.

"The color scheme for costumes was in the lighter range - cream, ivory, pale yellow, etc. Many fabrics were hand-dyed with tea to give a soft, mellow quality. Old laces, chiffons, velvets, corduroys, and the like made for some beautifully textured costume pieces," she said.

Despite having a low budget for costumes, Anderson recalls the costume production for LSC's "Pippin" earning national recognition in a write-up in Theater Crafts magazine.

At the time that the original cast of "Pippin" was preparing for their performance, they were more than theater club members; they were students of the theater department, headed by Anderson and his wife Cathy 'Guss' Anderson.

Anderson explained that the theater department broke off from the English Department around 1973 and became the department of Theater and Interpretive Arts.

Keith Chamberlin was working for the college's media department at the time of the original production of "Pippin" and was assigned the job of doing publicity photography, some for the musical. He is now the director of communications and marketing.

"We had an academic department in theater and it was very active. We had really amazing people working in that department and Phil and his wife, 'Guss', Anderson did very ambitious stuff," said Chamberlin. "A number of people ended up majoring in theater just because it was such a dynamic and energetic place to be."

The department was intact from 1973 until 1980. It converged with TVS and dissolved when the Andersons left, after Kate Anderson was hired at Kansas State University. The Andersons' absence was not the only reason for the changes being made to the theater department. The VSC decided to merge programs.

"They consolidated majors at different campuses based on an overarching concept of the kinds of programs those colleges were going to be offering," said Chamberlin. "Johnson became the Fine Arts cam-

pus. This was a controversial thing at the time when these departments all shifted."

"The theater program moving to Johnson was part of that whole process in the late 70's and early 80's of realigning the campuses so that there was less duplication. It naturally created a lot of bad feelings because the people who worked in that department were incredibly dynamic and interesting, great people."

Along with the Twilight Players club, theater is also offered at Lyndon in the form of a minor. Students also have the option of receiving elective credits if they are stage directing or are a member of the cast, playing a leading role.

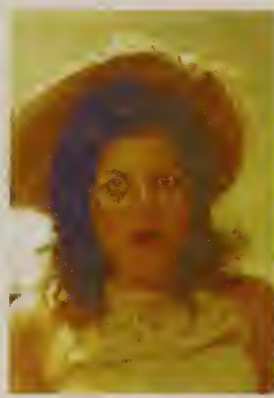
"It's amazing to have so many talented students and it's even more amazing given the fact that we have no theater major here," said Fregosi.

Chamberlin stated that the 1978 cast had a lot more advantages because of the theater department.

"When you have an academic department that's devoted to just doing this, they have resources at their disposal," said Chamberlin. "This is really just an extracurricular activity for this group. They're not going to have the same resources at their disposal so I think it's going to be more challenging for them. They've got a lot of heart and soul and that's what an awful lot of this is about: heart, soul and desire."

Some would argue just the opposite.

"Because we're a club and because we're all doing it for the pure enjoyment, I think that is an advantage that we have. It's a passion of all of ours to some extent so we push ourselves harder," said Haycook, playing Pippin in this year's performance. "I know the Twilight Players, back then, were very close knit and very successful and I think we're gaining that ground again. We're growing each year and pushing ourselves more each year and I think we're reaching that point again in Twilight history."



Photos by Keith Chamberlin
(Clockwise from top left) Joe Laberge, Brenda Gruber

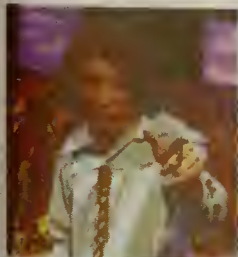
Michele Curran, Paul Hopkins, Beth Loughlin, Lisa Buckler, Lisa Buckler.

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Left: Elizabeth Sousa Below: Nikki Slabinski



The Twilight Players YESTERDAY & TODAY

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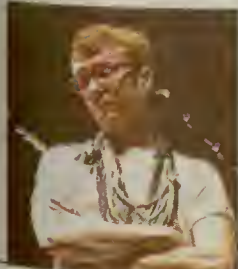


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LSC Tennis is One Big Match Away

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Men's Tennis is in for the quite the homestretch.

It all starts tomorrow afternoon at Castleton, where the Hornets begin a stretch of three North Atlantic Conference games within the next four games.

Junior Tyler Schofield, who is currently serving as the team's



Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Junior Tyler Schofield

number-two seed, is placing a large emphasis on this upcoming match.

"If we beat them (Castleton), it's pretty much a lock to make the playoffs. If we don't, then it's a much tougher road," Schofield said.

Schofield is very happy with

the team's output leading up to a showdown against Castleton.

"I think they (teammates) are, including myself, improving a lot, more so than any other year that I have been here," Schofield said.

The Hornets did struggle last week, however, posting a 1-3 record. That stretch included an 8-1 loss to Johnson State on March 31, a 7-2 loss to Castleton on April 3, and a 9-0 loss to Johnson State again last Friday. However, the team did secure a 5-4 win over Green Mountain last Saturday.

Schofield thinks that the Hornets certainly have room for improvement.

"We just got to be more consistent. Tennis is a sport where, more often than not, you see guys beat themselves," Schofield said.

One of those players that needs to improve may be Schofield himself, who struggled when he was forced to play as the number-one seed in the team's second match against Johnson State.

"I think I did alright, but



Photo by Bryan Barber

Lyndon State did not do well against Johnson State, but Joe Anderson and of the rest will have another shot against a NAC opponent when the Hornets play at Castleton on April 14.

clearly 6-1, 6-0 isn't something that I'm proud of," Schofield said.

Fortunately, Schofield will likely serve as the number-two seed in the all-important NAC matchup against Castleton.

However, if freshman Armando D'Leon returns to the team, Schofield would play as the number-three seed. D'Leon was unavailable for comment on his playing situation with the Hornets.

Whether D'Leon plays or not, Schofield is jacked up for tomorrow's match.

"Going forward, I'm excited. It'll be a good test for us to see how we can respond to pressure."



Photo by Bryan Barber

LSC pitcher Megan Gadapee and first baseman Ashley Barski. Pitching helped the Lady Hornets split with Johnson State on April 12, the second game resulting in a 2-0 win. Before that win the Lady Hornets lost five straight. The team will host Husson on April 14.

Softball Team Ends Losing Streak

Kevin Considers:

Do Coaches Matter?

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, and Chris Bosh. Three of the NBA's best at their position. All three have to listen to Erik Spoelstra when it comes down crunch time, call a late game play to run when the team needs a go-ahead bucket. But answer me this, in practices, drills, and off days, what are these three players going to learn from a 40 year-old guy who's never played a game in the NBA?

LeBron James has worked with trainers to increase his strength and agility, but is Spoelstra teaching them that. Has he helped his rebounding? What about his mid-range jump-shot? I'm going to guess that he hasn't. So why don't teams have more player head-coaches?

Bill Russell, the former Boston Celtic, won nine NBA championships under coach Red Auerbach. Once Auerbach retired, Russell stepped up and went on to win 2 more championships as a player coach, two years in a row, before he retired. It seemed to work out just fine for the Celtics.

It may not be the same case in all sports. In baseball however, it's different titles. MLB has a "manager" and "hitting and pitching coaches." The manager chooses line-ups, decides which pitchers to bring in and when to take them out. The Cardinals have one of the game's greatest hitters of all-time, Mark McGwire, as their hitting coach. This is a guy who, steroids aside, knows how to face pitchers, what a sweet swing looks

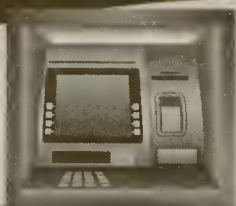
like, and how to make adjustments in hitting stances. He's been there, and he knows what he is doing because he's done it himself. Could Mike Brown of the Lakers show Kobe how to guard someone in the post? I highly doubt it.

Football is a special case, also. Yes, Peyton Manning has no more learning to do from any coach, and John Fox won't be needing to show Manning anything new, besides the play book. But football has specialized position coaches like baseball. Patriots Defensive Lineman coach Pepper Johnson played in the NFL for quite some time, and has done well in showing guys like Vince Wilfork a thing or two about their position.

I'm by no means trying to undermine what a coach does. The coaches here on campus do a great job. At the collegiate level, every player in every sport still has learning and developing to do. They are here to teach the team how to better themselves as a player. Anyone that is not playing at the professional level, obviously has some more improving to do, so I can completely understand the point of a coach for a non-professional team.

So what is the point of a head coach? When it comes down to it, can't teams get by with listening to their captain? The guy who they all voted for as the leader of their team, why can't he call the shots? He's getting paid 200 million dollars, why not get your money's worth out of him? It's something that I would consider as a general manager or a head coach.

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Lacrosse Coach Has Hopeful Outlook

Keeping Faith Even After Losing Four Straight Games

Ryan Holmes
Critic Correspondent

Serving his fourth year as Lyndon State College lacrosse coach, Tim Tierney is excited for the remainder of the 2012 season.

Tierney has a strong passion for the game of lacrosse, as well as a strong background.

"This time of the year reminds me of why I love lacrosse," said Tierney. You're outdoors getting fresh air while throwing the ball around. I still love the game."

Tierney played lacrosse for four years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was named team captain and most valuable players twice.

"I think I was the all-time leading scorer, I'm not sure if I still hold that anymore," chuckled Tierney.

After college, Tierney moved to Vermont where he landed a job coaching lacrosse at Saint Johnsbury Academy, until making the transfer to Lyndon State College.

"I think coaching the college level is best suited for me. It's been fun, Lyndon has been a great opportunity for me."

Tierney not only enjoys playing the game of lacrosse but likes teaching others the game as well.

"I love to teach the game, especially to players that are new to the game of lacrosse,"

said Tierney.

With a mix of newly adapting players, Tierney looks for a little extra help from his veteran players. "It's not only me that teaches, it's also the whole team. They have been very supportive of each other, and they don't get down on themselves. Which I find to be a great thing."

It can be difficult for a new player to learn the game of lacrosse, Tierney encourages new players.

"He is a very nice guy, he has a good head on his shoulders and seems to know a lot about his lacrosse," said LSC lacrosse midfielder Timothy Patten.

"Some of my best players started out beginners to the game," stated Tierney. "Some players adapt quite quickly, with the encouragement they get from the team everyone gives 100 percent effort."

Tierney not only looks toward the rest of the 2012 season, but towards the future of the LSC lacrosse program as well.

"Keep improving the lacrosse program here at Lyndon is the big thing. We keep getting a little better and more competitive every year," stated Tierney. "Lacrosse is growing across Vermont, there are a lot of players that are going to be looking for teams and we just have to let them know that 'hey there is lacrosse up here, come and you will get a chance to play.'"



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Above: Senior Teague Coyle looks to make a move past a Johnson player. Lyndon lost the home match 11-5
Below: LSC players fight off a University of Maine Farmington in a blowout loss, with LSC losing 20-2



Slide of Epic Proportions

Philip Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Losers of eight straight games, including sweeps by North Atlantic Conference opponents Colby-Sawyer and Thomas College, the Hornets stand at a 2-18 record on the season. Now the team must deal with the absence of sophomore outfielder Michael Cartularo.

Initial reports indicate that Cartularo may have aggravated a ligament in his knee, as opposed to a possibly torn anterior cruciate ligament. Cartularo plans to have further tests done on his knee. No matter what the result, he would also like to apply for a Red Shirt Hardship Waiver, which would allow Cartularo to have three more years of playing eligibility after this season.

Before he was injured, Cartularo was second on the team in batting average with a .273 clip. The sophomore was also benched for three games of last weekend's four-game series against Thomas.

Head coach Ed Poland had his reasons for

benching Cartularo.

"Defensively there were some issues there. Michael was also not hitting in crucial situations, so I decided to give the young guys some options," Poland said.

In addition to Cartularo's play on the field, Poland also noted that the other aspects of Cartularo's game were lacking.

"He needed a break both mentally and physically... He'd be icing his knees during practice. He just needed to relax and do what he does best," Poland said.

Poland welcomes the thought of Cartularo's return next season and beyond, as long as Cartularo does what is expected.

"He (Cartularo) needs to be a leader, the kind of silent leader who does his job on a daily basis," Poland said.

The Hornets will certainly miss one of the best hitters on the team, with an upcoming double-header at home against NAC opponent Colby-Sawyer. The games are scheduled for 2 and 3:30 p.m. at Skip Pound Field.

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Mountain Bike Club Pedals to Campus

Cameron Willis
Critic Correspondent

The new Mountain Biking Club rolled its way to Lyndon State College.

Peter Wakeling, a junior mountain recreation management student, serves as the club's hopeful new president.

Knowing how much he loved biking motivated him to propose the club to the Student Government Association.

"I wanted to spread the enjoyment that mountain biking has given me and my friends over the many years."

Wakeling hopes to see the club evolve into a "family" of riders who can help each other out with everything from finding parts, to providing rides to the mountain, giving riding tips, or fixing up the bikes.

Wakeling also hopes to develop a race team.

If a race team was developed the club could compete against teams at well-known colleges such as Boston University,

University of New Hampshire, and North Eastern.

Wakeling noted that Burke is an up and coming mountain with tons of biking potential. He believes there is no other school on the east coast that has such an accessible training ground so close to the school.

"It's already a shame that UVM is the host at Burke Mountain for the final race of the ECCC series, when LSC should not only be hosting, but putting our kids on the podium to send them onto the bigger leagues of the race community."

Kory Buck, sophomore ski resort management major and secretary for the club, is surprised this is the first time there has been a biking club.

"Being so close to Kingdom Trails, one of the biggest mountain biking trail networks in North America, I'm surprised LSC hasn't seen a mountain bike club before. The interest is there and I think the club has the potential to be very successful."

Along with the members of

the Bike Club, Wakeling really wants the club to evolve into a well-known, trustworthy, and active group on campus.

"Unfortunately [SGA] didn't give us much of a budget to work with, \$100, in a sport where I can buy bearings for more. We need as much support from our fellow riders and supporters to get us off the ground and on the map."

The Bike Club will be having an Earth day event where guided bike rides through on campus trails will happen. The club will also be offering a bike check service so students can get them dialed in for the season.

Games such as the slow race, longest track stand, highest bunny hop, and a team challenge of who can fit the most people on a bike are aimed to help people develop their biking skills.

"There will be some swag for our winners of these events," said Wakeling.



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Peter Wakeling and Nate Chase talk about plans for the new mountain bike club. The club meets on Thursdays in HAC 115.

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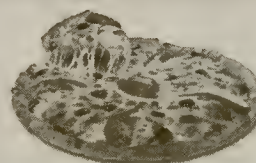
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Morgan Forester
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The average person spends two hours a day on social networking sites but only spends approximately thirty minutes a day with their children and approximately ten minutes with their spouse or significant other. I know we live in the age of technology, but doesn't this seem to be a bit much? Since when is a cyber connection more important than human interaction? I am not telling you to write off technology and become Amish but I believe that technology was created to make our lives easier so we could spend more time with people, not to take over our lives. I am just as guilty as anyone else. I spend too much time online and my smartphone is always by my side, but I sometimes forget that these are just tools available to me, they are not my life. My advice is to use technology for what it was made for. Let those networking sites and gadgets help you keep your life on track but don't let them consume you.

Recipe of the Week:

Cheesy Bean Dip

Great for having friends over to watch a movie or the game.

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. (1 lb.) Velveeta Cheese
- 2 cans refried beans
- 1 jar salsa

Directions:

Put all the ingredients into the crock pot on high until they blend together smoothly then turn heat to low. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Exercise of the Week:

Tuck Jump

Make sure you have some cleared space for this. If you have camping or fitness mat it may help reduce landing shock. Standing in good posture with feet together, bend your knees and jump straight up as high as you bringing your knees into your chest. Land with bended knees, focus your body and repeat. Do 15 to 20 jumps. For more resistance or if this hurts your knees, try doing tuck jumps in the pool. It will make the movement more difficult but will not injure joints with harsh landings.

Activity of the Week:

Make a Super Tracker Profile

"Choose My Plate" is a website run by the USDA. It is essentially the new version of the food pyramid. One of the tools on this website is called Super Tracker. It allows you to set up a profile in which you give your weight, height, gender and lifestyle and then create goals for yourself.

Once your profile is complete they tell you what your daily caloric intake should be and give you a tool to show how much activity will allow you to maintain your health and how much will allow you to loose weight. Then it's up to you to record the food and exercise you have everyday. With each entry your chart is updated and you get to see exactly what you are doing right and what can be improved upon. It is a great site to help keep your healthy life on track.

The List:

Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion

Looking great can sometimes be a hairy situation.

Yvonne Black

Critic Columnist

- 1) Your hair says a lot about you—no matter what side of the style spectrum you are on. From hippy bohemian to classic sophistication, the way you style your hair makes a statement. Because hair is one of the easiest things for a person to transform, risks should definitely be taken. Debating bangs or a new color? Do it! Worst case scenario, you dye it back, or utilize some bobby pins.
- 2) The difference between that little black dress looking okay or fantastic can be the amount of lint, stray hairs, or even pet hair that clings to it. To prevent the fur coat, invest in a lint roller! Dollar store baby.
- 3) Spring hairstyle trend: Braids. Braids can be funky, elegant, and casual. So for a fun twist to the ponytail, try braiding your hair. Go to squidoo.com/hair-braids for a step by step guide on 12 classic braids to try. CAUTION: Not everyone looks good with a French braid. I don't, because I have stick-out ears. Know your flaws, and find the right braid for your head shape and style.



STAND OUT STYLE

This girl takes some serious risks with her hair, landing her in the style spot.

Name: Sierra Willenburg, also known as "Thark."

Style: "Corporate Punk"

Style Icon: David Bowie, Alexander McQueen

How to get the look: "I used a hydrogen peroxide and bleach kit. My hair was blue before and bleached out to pink, so that's where the pink came from. My sister buzzed the sides."

Photo by Samantha Vanschoick

Gone Westward



Outside Photo by Ian MacDonald, Inset Photo by Marc Samson

Allison Lathrop's Intensive Geology class traveled westward over spring break to study the environment up close and personal. Landscape taken while hiking Turtlehead Mountain in Red Rock Canyon. Inset: Former LSC professor Ballard "Bud" Ebbett points to map. From left to right: Ben Sampson, Ebbett, James Marsh, Ani Pytlewski, Spencer Thurber, and David Webber.

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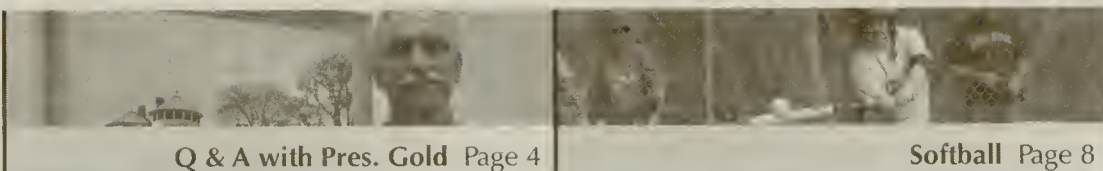
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"THE NORRIS SITUATION"

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

She walked into IT expecting to fix a problem she had with her course management software.

What music professor Elizabeth Norris found were three people waiting for her and some man's voice coming out of a speakerphone claiming to be from the Vermont State College system. Those waiting were Chief Technology Officer Mike Dente, Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton, Chief Information Officer for the Vermont State Colleges Linda Hilton and the man on the speakerphone was Chief Technology Officer for the VSC Rick Blood.

A combination of ignorance and confusion has caused some issues with the IT department at Lyndon State College. Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges Tim Donovan will be coming to LSC on April 26 to talk with the faculty about the VSC policy regarding data storage and how faculty should be using college-owned computers.

These issues are coming in conflict with how teachers want to teach.

One of those teachers, professor Norris, was recently found to be violating the VSC policy regarding how faculty should store students' information such as their grades, student ID numbers and if they have a disability.

The VSC policy, which can be found at tinyurl.com/vscdata, lays out what is private data and how it should be stored.

Norris had a problem using Moodle, the school's software for grading and other online class features.

"I have a doctorate in Music," she said. "I am not a stupid woman. I can't use Moodle and nobody's hearing it. Nobody's hearing those of us who aren't using Moodle say 'it is not user friendly.'"

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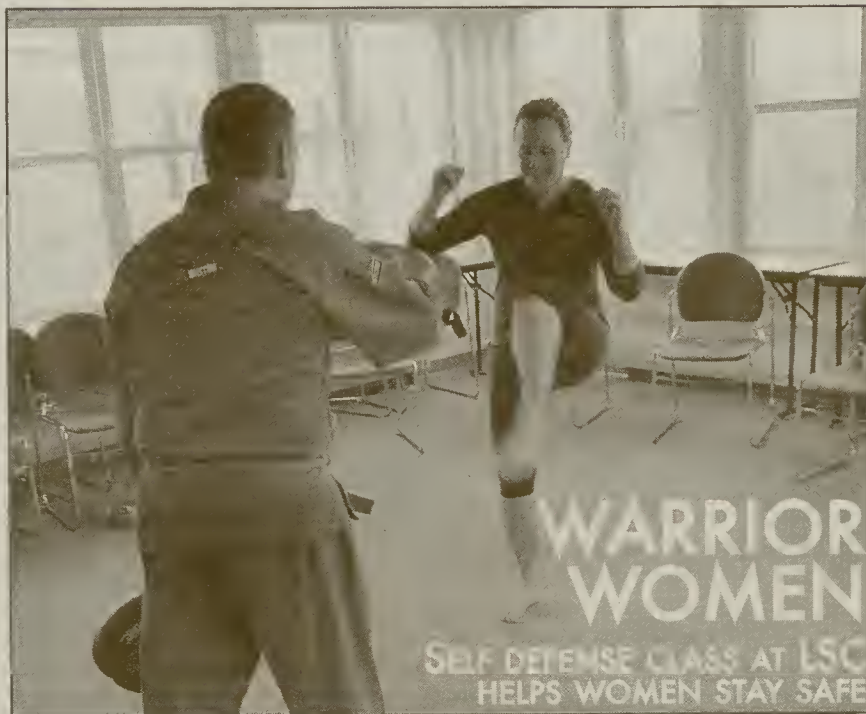


Photo by Sierra Willenburg

Senior LSC mountain recreation management student Allison Poulin participates in a women's self defense course taught by Master Black Belt, Rick Dunlavey, yesterday in the Burke Mountain Room.

DENIED

Katelyn Zenie
Eric Blaisdell
Critic Staff

She was crying in the hallway after she found out.

Lyndon State College's Student Government Association financial controller Julie Austin was the only executive board member not given compensation for her work this year. The three other members of the SGA executive board were given \$500, half of the compensation they asked for.

President Nick Russo, Vice President Sean Siciliano, and Administrative Vice President Meghan Dolyak received compensation for their work with the student government. Originally all four executive board members requested one thousand dollar stipends, and three elective representatives requested fifty-dollar stipends.

See "Stipend" page 4

THREE YEARS STRONG



Photos by Samantha Vanschoick

Outgoing Lyndon Student Government Association president Nicholas Russo reacts with a smile after hearing that he was elected to replace graduating senior John Klein as the student member of the Vermont State College Board of Trustees. In an 8-3 vote yesterday afternoon, members of the Vermont State Colleges Student Association chose Russo, a junior electronic journalism arts major, to represent the five state colleges. This is the third year in a row an LSC student has been elected to this position. Russo thanked everyone for their support and said he was excited to get to work. Russo ran against Dylan Giambatista, a junior at Johnson State, who was offered the position of vice-chair. "I think students, their role in this particular instance was to vote, and they voted, and the results speak." Giambatista has not accepted the position as vice-chair, but plans to consider it. Russo will assume the position July 1.

BOSTON RAPPER TO ROCK LSC

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Saturday > Sunday > Monday

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The National Weather Service

Campus Calendar

Sat. 4/21: Men's LAX vs. Thomas College, 1 p.m.
Sun. 4/22: Twilight Players in 'Pippin', 2 p.m.
Tue. 4/24: Men's Tennis vs. MCLA, 3:30 p.m.

A Quote to Note

"I don't like to think for more than 15 minutes at a stretch actually; I am a fragile flower."
- Hugh Laurie

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Vox Populi

To the Editor:

Regarding the issue of faculty salaries (ref Critic of 3/26/12 and 4/13/12), you have invited me to reply to several points, and so I do:

1. In my letter to the Editor of 4/13/12, I expressed concern over my friend and colleague John DeLeo's statement that "it's (faculty salaries) all driven by the union." I attempted to point out that the Vermont State Colleges administration and our union, the Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation, negotiate faculty salaries and that the representatives of both parties are dedicated, smart, honorable and powerful. Thus, one simply cannot "drive" unimpeded to a result when one must, by law, negotiate with a dedicated, smart, honorable and powerful adversary.

2. A person who argues the opposite, i.e. that "it's all driven by the administration" is just as mistaken.

3. The VSC administration and VSC Faculty Federation do not "cut deals." This characterization brings to mind corrupt bureaucrats or murderous thugs flipping coins in a nightclub parking lot to divvy up stolen contraband. Those who negotiate our contracts work for many months - sometimes for years - sometimes for decades - to obtain fair salaries, benefits and working conditions. VSC employees and their family

members (including many students) are the beneficiaries of such hard work.

4. Were LSC able to attract an "Albert Einstein" and a "Martin Luther King Jr." to apply to teach here, the administration would likely utilize provisions in our contract that allow for hiring highly qualified persons with terminal degrees as an Associate or Full Professor, and award them the "salary points" that come with such enhanced status. And they might utilize other contract provisions to entice these highly valued applicants, including additional slight salary adjustments and payment for moving expenses.

5. "Albert Einstein" and "Martin Luther King Jr." could also be assured of the following:

a. Their salaries would not be adjusted downward because one is a Jewish immigrant and one an African American.

b. "Dr. Einstein's" salary would not be adjusted upward because he teaches in mathematics and science, nor would "Dr. King's" salary be adjusted downward because he teaches in the humanities.

c. Neither would have his salary adjusted upward simply because he is a male.

d. The contract rewards commitment: Should "Dr. Einstein" and "Dr. King" choose to stay at LSC for a long time, they would earn an additional salary point for each year of work and would have the job security and freedom that comes with tenure. (Those students who think that

these are bad ideas might think differently after they've dedicated many years of their lives to one business or institution.)

e. If the Federation has its way, "Dr. Einstein" and "Dr. King" would have a comfortable retirement, and would rest assured that their replacements have the same meaningful and rewarding experiences that they had during their careers at LSC.

6. Please note that the VSC Faculty Federation is a part of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Here is a quote from the AFT website: "Many well-known Americans have been AFT members, including John Dewey, **Albert Einstein**, Hubert Humphrey, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt, Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, former Senate Majority Leader and Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield, former Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, and former United Nations Under-Secretary and Nobel Peace Prize winner Ralph Bunche." (Emphasis added.)

7. I suggest that your question about administration/faculty (and staff) disparities in salary and compensation is one that all members of our community should contemplate.

I thank you for asking important questions, and I wish you well.

Timothy Miles Sturm, Ph. D.
LSC VSC Faculty Federation
Chapter Chair

A Tribute to Representative Howard Crawford

John Kleinhans

Critic Staff

You would never think that a kid who is 21 would say that one of his best friends in college was a man three times his age.

A legend is retiring. He has been an inspiration and leader to many in the Northeast Kingdom since the mid 1960's. This man has taught me an incredible amount about Vermont government and without Howard Crawford, I would not be where I am today.

As a freshmen, I was a young, ambitious 18-year-old television studies major from Connecticut. After sitting around my dorm room for a few days bored, my dad suggested that I call up the local Republican Party to get involved. That day, I called Representative Howard Crawford of Burke who told me that he would be right up to the college so I could drive him door to door. He told me that he would meet me by "that smoking hut."

Howard picked me up in his Mercedes Benz and said, you can drive, I've got to

knock on some doors. The journey began there. We continued this for about three times a week until the November elections, when Howard won re-election. The amazing thing was how hard Howard campaigned and the truth of it was, he was running unopposed.

Howard Crawford has been a lifetime employee of St. Johnsbury Academy where he has worked his tail off for the betterment of students for the last forty years. Legislators at the Vermont State House respect him for his quick wit and ability to get the job done fast. I learned this first hand in the spring of 2009, when I became his intern. Howard sat on the all powerful House Appropriations Committee, but his heart was in the Education Committee, which is where I spent most of the semester, because as Howard like to say, "they are locking me in approps because they don't want me running around causing trouble." As I would see over the course of that semester, Crawford knew how to start trouble, because he truly cares about the residents of the Northeast

Kingdom.

Three words describe Crawford.

Persistence- Always be chasing your dreams. If you ever stop, you will never achieve them.

Loyalty- Always be true to yourself and the people who have brought you through the game of life.

Dedication- Don't half ass your work because people will never be able to rely on you.

Howard and I have spent a lot of time together these last few years. Whether it was in Montpelier or at the Pizza Man, I've enjoyed every moment of it. Without his guidance and encouragement, I'm not sure if I would be graduating this upcoming May.

When he sells his condo, the plan is to move to Georgia with his lovely wife Judith. I'll miss the family meals I've shared with them and my girlfriend Meghan, but I will always know that my second family will be just a phone call away. Thanks Howard for everything you have given me and done for me, it will never be forgotten.

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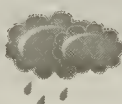
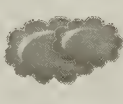
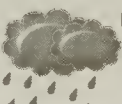
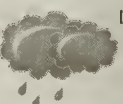


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President's Corner: From LSC to NCLC

Nick Russo
Student Body President

I had an incredible experience at the Inaugural National Campus Leadership Council (NCLC) summit in Washington D.C. last weekend. NCLC was formed earlier this year as a non-partisan organization in order to create a network of Student Body Presidents from across the country. The goal is that we would exchange ideas for best practices in our own SGA and also discuss possible solutions to issues that are affecting all young Americans.

The summit started with an "Ice breaker on the issues." This was, in my opinion, the most productive and tangibly useful part of the conference. We split up into 10 groups of 10 Presidents in each group and discussed major issues in student life, such as graduation rates, scholarships, and communication between SGA and the student body.

I learned that several colleges have started awarding scholarships based only on need, not for merit. The idea behind that is colleges should be concerned first and foremost with students being able to complete

their degrees, not with attracting the best and brightest students to their institutions.

Another idea that was proposed to help students afford college was that when a student enters a college, their starting tuition rate is locked-in for all four years. I'm not sure if this would make a big impact on student's pocketbooks, or if it is possible, but it's an interesting thought. One alarming statistic regarding student affordability is that in the 1990's, only 1 out of 3 students' needed loans to attend school. Now 2 out of 3 do.

Many SGA Presidents record a weekly address and post it to YouTube so students can hear about happenings in their SGA (similar to this column). Some SGAs hold meetings outdoors and open forums in the center of campus to attract interest from students. This may be difficult with Vermont weather but it is a definite possibility near the fountain pond, for example.

The speakers at the event were truly top notch. Ronnie Cho from the office of Public Engagement for the White House spoke about planning ahead for the future of young Americans. Dirk Kempthorne,

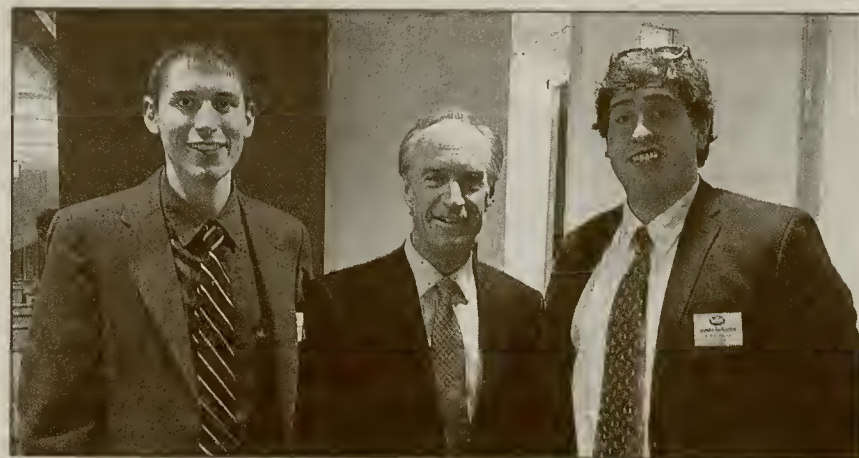


Photo courtesy of Nick Russo

From left to right, LSC SGA President Nick Russo, Former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne (Idaho), and UVM SGA President Julian Golfarini posed for photo at the National Campus Leadership Council in Washington, D.C..

former Republican Governor and Senator from Idaho earned a standing ovation for his talk about the importance of non-partisan leadership, commitment to serving your community, and working together to achieve real results.

Other notable speakers included Matt Segal, CEO of Our Time, who spoke at length about what he called the "great heist" that is taking place in America today by corporate greed. The conference closed with Steve Culbertson of Youth Service America who gave a great talk about how young leaders need to be engaged now, not

just tomorrow, in civic and political activities.

Four breakout workshops were intermixed with the speakers. I attended breakouts on Energy and Environmental issues, Youth Unemployment, Budget Cuts and Local Funding, and Youth and Social Entrepreneurship.

The conference was one of the best I've ever been to. I learned a ton, and I was so re-energized after attending the conference, that I wished I had run for re-election. The leaders I was surrounded with at the summit were incredibly intelligent and gave me much hope for the future of our country.

Apology: Last week's President's Corner was improperly edited. The opinion editor, Robert Patton, added words in brackets that changed what Nick Russo wanted to say. It is the Critic's policy not to change the meaning of submitted pieces. As a result, Patton will no longer be the opinion editor.
Eric Blaisdell
Editor of the Critic

Let's Be Real: The SGA Is Filled With Toddlers

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

On Wednesday, I was shocked to hear the immaturity of students and actions that the Student Government Association took in regards to Julie Austin, the financial controller.

Austin, a well-respected leader amongst the SGA, was thrown under the bus due to a comment she made over a year ago. The rhetoric thrown around on Wednesday for over two and a half hours was that we needed to hold our leaders accountable for their actions. Britton Durham, the Gay-Straight Alliance Representative, said that he was sick and tired of politicians in Washington saying one thing and doing the other.

Let me bring you back to reality. The SGA Executive

Board members are not real politicians. They are students like you and I. Think of how much you have changed in the course of the year.

Alyssa Sylvia, the alternate representative for the Alliance for Women in Media led the charge against Austin. She said that she was shocked that Austin would request the money after saying she wouldn't. Sylvia continued to say that one sentence determined that Austin would receive absolutely no money for her hard work. Instead of looking at the work and dedication Austin did throughout the year, Sylvia was incredibly close-minded.

Alyssa, chill out. There is no need to be so incredibly ridiculous in front of your peers and bash someone so outrageously that you make them cry in the bathroom.

When I travel the state and attend other SGA's I pride myself on the fact that the Lyndon SGA is professional. We work together to find a compromise and create a solution for the students we serve.

Let me be clear.

Sylvia after resigning last semester came back for one final meeting to personally attack and discredit one of the hardest working members of the executive board. This move was very vindictive and in poor taste.

Listen, the SGA isn't real politics. Each of you, including myself is a student and we should be supportive of one another instead of trying to destroy one's self image.

Rebuttal

I support the decision to give the SGA executive board the reduced compensation of \$500 to three of the executive board members aside from the financial controller. This decision was arrived at after intense debate and discussion on numerous votes to arrive at that number. The final tally was supported by at least 66% of the voting body. It disgusts me that a former student body president, and current VSC elected trustee, would personally call individuals out of a group decision.

The entire debate came down to the fact that a promise is a promise, just like the LSC promise, and I am certain that other leaders on this campus are held to a high standard. The executive board members are not an exception. The only person creating drama is the person who chooses to rehash old business. This is not personal, this is strictly business. And the ability to separate the two separates the "toddlers" from the adults.

Alyssa Sylvia

'Stipend' (cont. from page 1)

Two and a half hours of discussion, and eight separate votes later the SGA came to this agreement by a 42 to 15 vote. Haley Craig made the final motion. Craig said she thought that the amount was a good middle ground after other payment numbers were thrown around.

Austin was taken out of the compensation discussion after Alyssa Sylvia brought up that Austin had said she would not seek compensation when running for financial controller last year. Austin changed her mind when she found out how much work was involved. She was upset not to be compensated for the hard work she puts in.

Russo has mixed feelings about the result.

"I was not disappointed necessarily in the outcome so much as I was disappointed in the way it happened," he said. "The students at Lyndon State College got to see first hand tonight what it is like to be in Washington, D.C. where people are kind of all about their own opinions and not necessarily about what they really think is best for the greater good. I am very thankful that they decided to give us any money at all. I don't think they had the right motivations behind not giving compensation to (Austin). I think she was the most deserving of it and it was a real shame she was not compensated."

The three elected representatives seeking \$50 in compensation, Sami Lubke, Laura Martin and Nicole Pfahl, retracted their request in support of the SGA executive board.

Some of the motions that failed included the full amount for all four executive board members, 1,000 dollars for each. Both a motion to "move on" and a motion to give the board nothing was thrown out and failed. Rachel Keller motioned to give the full 1,000 to Russo, Siciliano, and Dolyak. Torrance Gaucher suggested Russo, Siciliano, and Dolyak get 600 each. When that failed, Adam Norton motioned for the three to only receive 200 dollars each, and had a separate motion for them to receive 375 each.

It came down to how much this year's executive board deserves, if any. Many students at the meeting were uncertain the board should receive anything because they volunteered for the job. Amanda Curran, SGA class of 2014 representative, says that every one of her peers that she

has talked to was against the stipend completely. Tyler Dumont, a writer for the Critic, made the point that politicians from small towns don't expect pay, and that he would never accept pay because not only is being a elective representative a good experience, but that he was there because he wants to be there.

Justin Chenette says, "When you volunteer to run for office, you make a commitment for service above self. While I appreciate the reduction in the amount after two years of fighting, my dissatisfaction of the SGA continues. We need leaders that are more concerned with moving this campus forward rather than receiving a bonus check."

The point was also brought up that this executive board has not been successful in representing the student body outside of SGA. Austin was denied

Not everybody was against the stipend however. Former SGA president John Kleinhans ensured the group that the executive board puts in many hours behind the scenes.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Jonathan Davis says the Lyndon SGA executive board is the most dedicated of all the college student governments he had seen. He laid out some points for why they deserved payment.

Each of the executive board members is required to work five office hours per week. Davis said that Russo not only maintains his five hours, he played an active role in the new food service search, and went above and beyond helping out clubs. Siciliano put in a lot of effort during the club fair, he does a lot for web maintenance on the SGA site and updates the calendar, and has done a lot of work for spring day this year. Dolyak does lots of work making sure the SGA website is user friendly, making sure all the clubs are represented, she makes sure everybody knows the contact information of the clubs, and has done a lot of work for the leadership conference. Austin makes sure everybody knows about the business office, she helps with club budgeting and troubleshooting when it comes to club funds.

All four members say that some or all of the money would have gone towards their tuition or other school affairs.

SGA Election Results

Total Votes: 171

President:

Sean Siciliano 134 Votes, 81%
Matt Davey 5 votes, 7%
Nick Russo 5 votes, 7%

Executive Vice President:

Meghan Dolyak 136 votes, 81%
Matt Davey 16 Votes, 15%

Administrative Vice President:

Samantha Lubke 137 Votes, 83%
Matt Davey 5 votes, 3%

Financial Controller:

Julie Austin 140 votes, 84%
All nominees have accepted their positions

10 Questions

with Interim President Steve Gold

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

Although President Gold has only been at Lyndon for less than a year, his time and dedication to the community has proven to benefit faculty, staff and students in many ways. Stepping into the position after four years of retirement, he assisted Lyndon when it faced financial peril and was heading in a rather "unpleasant" direction. He wakes up to answer his emails in the early hours of the morning, and can be seen attending late-night campus activities almost weekly. While many students likely haven't shared a full conversation with him, there is no doubt you've walked by the tall 66-year-old, who frequently sits next to students in the dining hall to share dinner. This week, the fourteenth president sat down with The Critic to share more about his life and time here at the Lyndon.

Q: Why did you agree to be the Interim President?

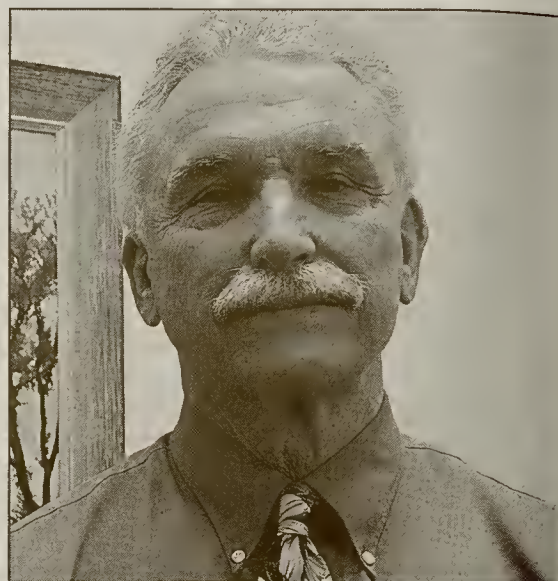
A: I had been retired for nearly four years when I got the call. I had to think about it for a little while, but I remembered my time in college. I am still friends with many people I went to school with – so I knew how much it meant to me. I also knew it was time bounded to a year. How could I not take advantage of a wonderful opportunity like this? As they say in The Godfather movies, it was an offer I couldn't refuse.

Q: What have you done in your life other than education?

A: I worked in Vermont state government for 35 years. I spent over 20 years in the alcohol and drug field, six years in the social welfare arena, Commissioner of the Department of Employment Training for four years, Commissioner of Corrections for 2 years, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Administration for a year, and then I went back to the Agency of Human Services for a year and a half. In the spring of 2007, I realized my mother was beginning her path to passing. I was about 62 and decided I wanted to devote my time to her, so I retired that summer.

Q: How did you like working with Howard Dean during your time in state government?

A: It was interesting, but I enjoyed it. He is a very forceful and decisive guy. You had to



LSC interim President Steve Gold

Photo by Tyler Dumont

make sure you always had some workable solutions to a problem you were going to present to him...or he would solve them for you, and it might not be a good solution.

Q: What are your plans for next year?

A: I am looking forward to returning to the blissful state of retirement. I worked part-time for the Joint Fiscal Office of the Legislature during my years of retirement, as well as six different non-profit organizations, so I am looking forward to get back to working with them.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Lyndon?

A: The students. One of my regrets this year is that I haven't gotten to know nearly the number I wished, and I have already warned Joe [Bertolino] of not getting trapped in his office because that's how I have felt at times. There are wonderful people here who are very dedicated, energetic, exciting and committed to their educational goals!

Q: What was your favorite job as a teenager?

A: I lived in South Hadley, Massachusetts as a teenager. At 14, I worked on a small farm raising dogs, Morgan horses and other wildlife. I really enjoyed taking care of the horses. When I was 17, I also worked for my town highway department for the summer – it made me feel like a real "he-man" doing that kind of stuff!

Q: What is the nicest car you have ever owned?

A: I would have to say the

one I currently own, which is a 2007 Jeep Patriot 4-cylinder. It is very versatile, and has four-wheel drive. It is also geared appropriately to allow me to take out my fishing boat to the many lakes in the Northeast Kingdom.

Q: What was the last book you read?

A: It's called The Track in the Sand. It is part of a police mystery series written by an Italian author. It features a lot of really interesting characters.

Q: Red Sox or Yankees?

A: The Red Sox. It's funny, I remember when I used to go to my grandfather's house to help him with a printing press business he ran out of his basement when I was a kid. I would go over on Saturday afternoons and we'd listen to the games on the radio while I helped him.

Q: Do you own a "smart-phone"?

A: No – I am actually quite intentionally a luddite. I have an old fashioned view on privacy, I guess. I do use email on a desktop computer – but I don't have a personal cell phone at home. I also don't have a laptop or an iPad, and I'm not on any social media networks. Somehow, I manage to survive!

Gold will retire after Lyndon's 2012 commencement. He lives in Montpelier with his wife and looks forward to fishing, spending several weeks on Cape Cod, gardening and watching sports throughout his retirement. The Critic would like to personally wish Mr. Gold the best in his future endeavors.

'Grading Issues' (cont. from page 1)

Norris had a problem with the interface of Moodle. She attended all the workshops provided to the faculty on how to use Moodle.

There is a faculty member, electronic journalism arts professor Meghan Meachem, who knows how to use Moodle and has been assisting those with issues with it. Norris said she did not go to her because Meachem had her own work to do and was overloaded as it was.

The problem seemed to be specific to Norris because she showed her Moodle to other faculty and staff members who used it and she says her version looked much different than theirs.

"The grade book didn't tally up and I couldn't even read it because it was blue lettering on a blue background. I couldn't read any of the grades," she said. "If they want us to use a system it better work and it better work easily. I'm here to teach. I'm here to be with the students. I am here as an advisor. I don't have six hours a day, literally, to sit and try to figure this out. I just don't."

Norris went online and found an easier program, Engrade, to use for her classes. Engrade is a free course management program that allows teachers to post grades and assignments for students to use. Engrade says it is FERPA, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, compliant so Norris felt that it was safe to use. Norris also told LSC President Steve Gold and Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton that she was using it, so she felt she had covered her bases.

Dalton says that Norris had talked to her about how happy she was that she found a site that worked for her, but did not ask her permission to use it.

"Don't go to me," said Dalton. "I know nothing about this stuff."

Dalton admits that it did not occur to her that when Norris talked about Engrade it could have been violating the VSC policy. She also admits that she should have known the policy better herself.

"This is like many things where you know it in the abstract and then it is not until a situation comes up that you go 'Oh my gosh.'"

A situation did come up last semester where two of professor Norris' students had submitted assignments that appeared the same, so she suspected plagiarism. There was no plagiarism, but Engrade had made a mistake using one of its applications. It was later discovered that Engrade sent data to a third-party site, which could not be monitored by LSC.

"I didn't know, honest to God I didn't know, that there was a VSC policy that said 'all

third-party sites must be approved by whatever office of IT,'" Norris said.

Faculty and staff not knowing the policy has been one of the main issues IT has been dealing with.

"I've found that more people don't realize they're violating the policies than know what the policy is," said Dente, LSC's chief technology officer. "We are trying to educate the people. We are trying to explain to them (what the policy is)."

Dente says that simplicity and ease of use do not trump security, so those faculty members who have been violating the VSC policy, even if it makes their job easier, will have to stop.

Dente does not comment on what happened with Norris, but he did talk about a general scenario that was similar.

"If a faculty member went out on their own and started using a third-party course management system, invited the students on their own, made them create user names and passwords and started storing personal private privileged data on that site they would be violating the VSC policy," he said.

After Norris discovered the problem with the suspected plagiarism she emailed Donna Dalton to ask her what to do.

"Instead of responding to me, she sent it to everybody else in the world," Norris said. "Mike Dente, Wayne Hamilton, Linda Hilton, I can't even remember how many other people. Suddenly, late at night, I've got this ridiculous fiasco on my hands."

Norris says she was told to go see Dente to figure out what happened and to try to fix it. She was not told that there were going to be three other people at that meeting.

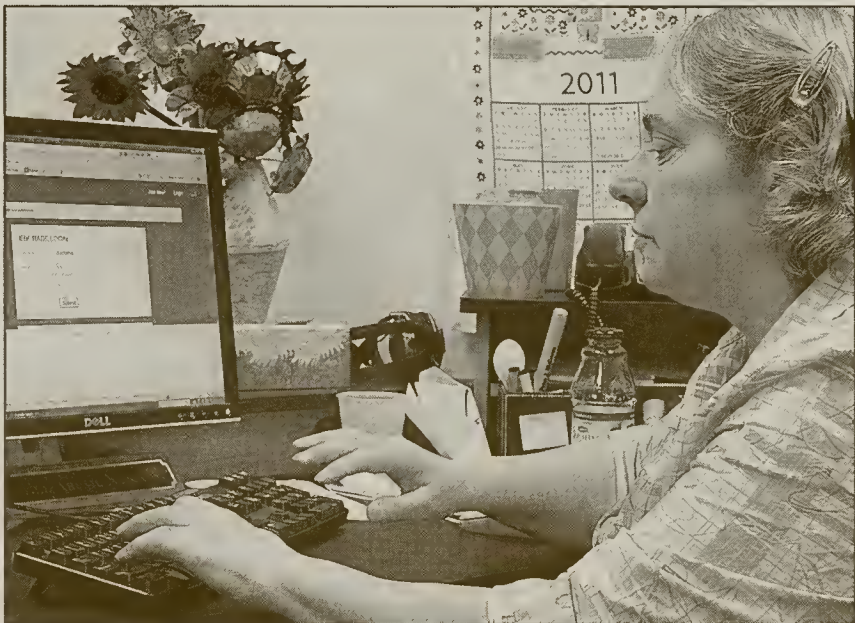
"I sat down and said, 'I didn't realize that this was going to be the Spanish Inquisition. I thought it was Mike and I one-on-one.' The answer was 'no, this is standard operating procedure,'" she said.

Another LSC reaction that angered Norris was that there were emails going around about her that she was not aware of. President Gold sent out an email addressing her situation. He included in that message emails between himself and Dente, however. Gold referred to what was happening as "the Norris incident" and Dente said the situation for the school was "scary" because Norris removed the data from Engrade herself and Dente could not know exactly what data was exposed.

"A copy of those emails was sent to me, inadvertently, that I was being uncooperative," she said.

Norris disagrees that she was uncooperative.

"Every email I received from anybody I responded to and I told them exactly what I



Photos by Eric Blaisdell

Above: Professor Beth Norris demonstrates the free and easy to use software she used to record student grades
Below: The Engrade software interface with the students names covered up

was going to do, how I was cleaning out the sites, before I did anything I told (Dente) and I told Wayne Hamilton," she said. "I told everybody what I was doing."

The one thing she would not do is hand over her user name and password to Dente so that he could go through and make sure all the protected data was removed.

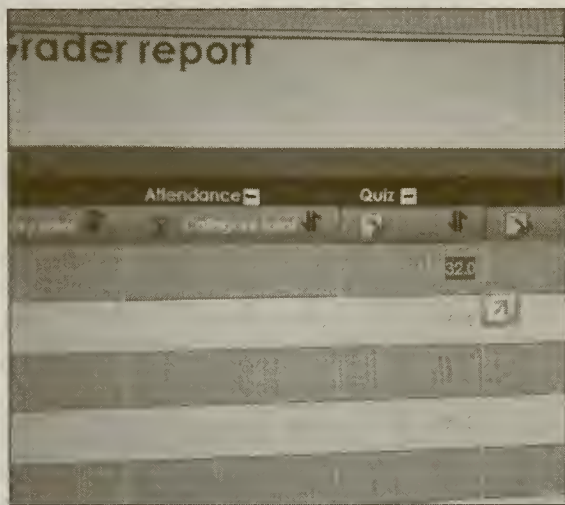
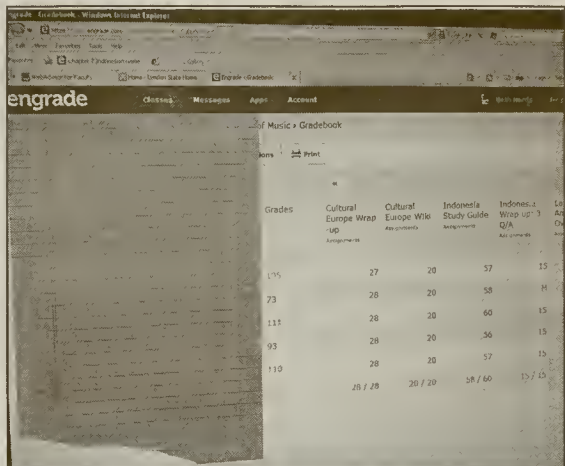
"I was concerned," she said. "This was my online course. I was concerned that somebody else would clean it out and not preserve the student's work, because I hadn't had a chance to grade it all."

Norris still uses Engrade, after removing all the sensitive data. She admits that she still may be in violation of the VSC policy.

"I don't know," Norris said. "I'm planning on going to the chancellor when he's here, because I want to find out. How is this not an appropriate site? There's no sensitive information."

Norris still cannot use Moodle and says that if the school wants to use a central site like Moodle or Blackboard then it has to be user friendly.

"We faculty don't have hours and hours that we can devote to learning a system that's so clunky and so clumsy that it's got to have 24 hour support," she said. "It's stupid."



Norris's students' grades were almost impossible to read using Moodle

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Day of Silence

Gay/Straight Alliance makes a statement without saying a word

Dana Berlin
Entertainment Editor

Walking around campus today, don't be surprised to see some students being rather quiet.

The Gay Straight Alliance club here at Lyndon State is putting on a "Day of Silence" in protest to Gay and Lesbian bullying around the world. According to dayofsilence.org, "The National Day of Silence is a day of action in which students across the country vow to take a form of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools."

The Day of Silence began in 1996 at the University of Virginia and has appeared in over 8,000 middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the country.

Torrance Gaucher, a member of the GSA here at LSC thinks this is a great idea, "It's going to be really awesome, people need to be aware of what takes place, and this will be a great start."

Ashley Squires, the Treasurer of the GSA club agrees with Torrance, saying by email, "I think it's a great way to try and put a stop to bullying. If people see

others participating, they will be more willing to find out what it is about and hopefully want to participate themselves."

She continued to say "There are thousands of people out there who have been a victim of bullying, whether it's because they are part of the LGBT community or because they are just different... and it's not alright. Taking a stand and participating in something this huge is a way of saying that it's enough, we want it to stop, and that we want to see changes."

Students around campus who participate in this Day of Silence will likely wear Duck Tape on their mouths and



Photo by Dana Berlin
Torrance Gaucher supports the Gay/Straight Alliance

vow not to speak the entire day. They can chose to just wear the duck tape, or write messages on it to show people why they are participating.

Students may also wear pins to show their support for the matter even if they cannot participate in silence.

"It's going to be hard to do, not talk, but if it can put just a little knowledge out there, it will be worth it." Concluded Gaucher.

Students Teaching Students

Shera Howe
Critic Correspondent

Students who see the letters "SI" on the class registration schedule in the fall may be in for a whole new method of learning.

SI, which stands for supplemental instruction, is focused around the concept of having a student who has previously done well in a course facilitate a study session outside of class.

In contrast to the tutoring normally offered through the writing center, SI focuses more on having students work together and learn better study methods.

The student facilitators, known as supplemental instruction leaders, provide an example to students by sitting in on classes and displaying good note-taking and questioning habits. By holding study sessions outside of class where students can work together, the focus is more on student learning.

The SI leader has the difficult job of facilitating the group in such a way that the students work together with some guidance, without the session turning toward more typical tutorial learning.

"In the study group, the students are learning to work with the information they get from the faculty," said director of student academic development Debra Bailin. "What worked in high school doesn't always work in college."

The program, which was developed almost 40 years ago at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, is still in its pilot stage at LSC. It began in fall 2010 with one course and has since expanded slowly.

Offers and information will soon be going out to faculty in regards to next year's courses. Bruce Berryman, Kevin Farrell, and Dan Williams are only a few of the professors that have shown interest in supporting some classes in their respective disciplines with SI. It's typically offered for more challenging classes.

"Confident students benefit as much from participation in the study groups as struggling students," said Bailin, "I'd like to see SI become a permanent offering at LSC."

Others involved also have high hopes. Andrew Cochran, who facilitated two sections of Critical Thinking last semester, found the experience to be unique. "I would say it's harder than tutoring," he said, describing it as "high-paying and satisfying, but draining."

Even with a good SI leader and full cooperation from the faculty, the program doesn't always result in higher grades or pass rates. Skill-based classes don't always lend themselves to the collaborative model. Since the factors are slightly different with each SI-supported class, such as whether or not the meetings are mandatory, there are a lot of variables to be worked out.

"There are definitely some hitches in the system, but plenty of other universities have made it work with their classes," said Cochran. "I'd like to see it in more majors, like psychology."

Since much of the human services classes involve teamwork and group projects, Cochran and Bailin agreed that SI may work well. The same holds true for many other courses in different majors, and there is plenty of time to find out.

A Minor Amount of Communication

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

The road to finding the right minor can be rough, especially when some students are not even sure of where to go for the listing of minors being offered. When it comes to getting the help of their adviser, some have never had that conversation.

"I don't think I was ever encouraged by my adviser. I don't think we ever had that conversation," said junior psychology and human services major Margaret George who also has a minor in anthropology and sociology. "One day I asked her to sign the minor sheet and that was it."

Andrew Cochran, a junior studying psychology and human services, had a similar experience in that he also never had a discussion with his adviser about minors. He chose to pursue a double major.

"I don't have a minor because I didn't really know the significance of a minor and I wasn't really informed of what minors there are and if they're applicable or what the point of them is," said Cochran. "I've never heard about minors or anything like that from my adviser. I'm sure he knows about minors, but it was never brought to my attention by anybody. In hindsight I probably would have gotten a minor or two."

There are seven minors that have strong student support, according to the enrollment numbers. They are athletic coaching, criminal justice, history, business, marketing, photography, and psychology. There are four minors, however, that are lacking in popularity.

"Those with the fewest (students) would be atmos-

pheric sciences, chemistry, philosophy, and international studies," said Debra Hale, assistant academic dean and registrar. She said that promotion of the minors should come down to the conversation between a student and their adviser, but director of career services, Linda Walcholder says this is not always effective.

"If it's within their department, they are promoting. If it isn't, then they're not because one, they either don't know about it or two, they may not have that interest," said Walcholder.

There is also the conflict as to whether or not certain minors are being equally promoted by admissions and student services.

As an adviser, David Johnston, associate professor of philosophy and film studies, does not necessarily agree that it should be the sole responsibility of the adviser to promote the minors.

"I think that it's the college's job in the sense that there are lots of different places where the discussion of having a minor could take place," said Johnston. "We have an admissions process that's very focused on the majors, so I think the minors get lost in that process. As a whole, I don't think people are thinking of minors as an option."

Social science professor, Janet Bennion cites the recent cuts in liberal arts courses as a leading cause of certain minors also being cut.

"I believe that some minors have not received the attention they deserve, and therefore, get cut," said Bennion through an email interview. "The gender minor, for example, was removed because people didn't know about it. It was not pro-



Photos by Danielle Drown
Juniors Andrew Cochran (above) and Margaret George (below) both have been under informed about their options concerning minors

moted by admissions. I promoted it as an advisor but it takes more than this for it to thrive. We have to help each other out."

Kate Gold, director of the advising resource center, believes that minors are being cut by the college due to a lack of financial stability.

"Some of the programs sort of exist, but they don't want a ton of people rushing into them because we don't actually have the resources to support them well," said Gold.

Hale feels differently.

"We have discontinued one or two under-enrolled minors and added others to replace them, but honestly it was because no students were pursuing the minors," said Hale through an email interview. "It doesn't make sense to me that students

would be discouraged from minors because we were trying to do away with them. Increased enrollments would be an incentive for increased resources and I have never, ever heard of students being discouraged from pursuing any learning."

Johnston said that there was an instance two years ago when under enrolled minors were closely looked at from a financial standpoint. If the classes for that minor were not also fulfilling the requirements of a major, then the minor was not financially viable.

"There isn't any attack on minors. There's no war on minors," said Johnston. "They make an awful lot of sense from a logistical standpoint, from a financial standpoint, if they're made up of courses that are already a part of the major."

Minors Offered

Found on the Lyndon State website, within the student course catalogs (hard copies and online), and the degree program change form outside of student services.

Anthropology/Sociology
Athletic Coaching Education
Atmospheric Sciences
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Criminal Justice
English
Film Studies
Geology
Graphic Design
History
Human Services
Marketing
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Photography
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Theater
Visual Arts

The following minors are not listed on both the website and degree form:

Calculus Based Physics
(Not listed on the website, but offered on the degree program form)

Digital Media
(Not listed on the website, but offered on the degree program form)

Exercise Science
(Not listed on the website, but offered on the degree program form)

Gender Studies
(Editor's Note: This minor is listed on the LSC website as an offered minor, but is not listed on the Degree Program changes form as a minor. Danielle Drown also has a minor in Gender Studies)

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Fans watch an LSC baseball game from the road as a car drives by. Inset: Ben Collins (L) and Mark Emerson (R) watching out for cars while watching an LSC baseball game.

Eric Blaisdell Editor

Finding a place to sit has become a challenge at the baseball and softball fields for both the players and fans.

There are no bleachers at either field for spectators to use, which has caused some fans to watch the games on College Road. The baseball team played its last home games on Thursday where they were eliminated from playoff contention against the University of Maine – Farmington, so the team never had bleachers for their home games.

"It sucks," said sophomore environmental sustainability

major Ben Collins, who was watching out for traffic while watching the baseball game. "It's no fun. I'm pretty scared, you know. I might get smoked by a car. It would be unfortunate if that happened to somebody."

Fellow environmental science student Mark Emerson, who was also at the game, agrees.

"This is not a safe environment," he said.

There should be bleachers on the fields for fans, but they were not brought over from the Athletic Field by maintenance, said Sports Information Director Bill Johnson.

"Why that didn't get done this year I don't know," he said.

Johnson says that there should be permanent seating for fans.

"So we don't have to keep moving things," he said. "Each venue should have its own seating, something that doesn't need to be moved, something larger than what we have."

The lack of seating not only hurts current students Johnson said, but bringing in prospective students as well.

"Right now everything about athletics is bells and whistles," he said. "The more attractive your venues are the more

students you probably run the chance of getting. Athletics plays a huge role in recruitment, retention, building a community. Let's face it, probably outside of your main building what facilities get used and viewed more by the public? That is your athletic facilities."

Not having bleachers for fans is more than just a safety risk. It can keep fans from watching the games.

"If I don't have a place to sit or I didn't bring anything with me I'm probably not going to stand there for three hours," Johnson said. "If I'm coming to watch a game and enjoy a game I

want to be as comfortable as possible."

The baseball players are having their own seating issues. Players sit on folding chairs next to the dugout instead of inside it. They use the chairs as a makeshift bullpen, but other players sit outside as well.

"We do have a pretty big team so sometimes it is hard to fit everybody in (the dugout)," said senior pitcher and outfielder Shane O'Donnell-Leach about the 26-man roster. "This size team could definitely use a bigger dugout."

Sunny Speaks: *We're Talking About Practice*

Kyle Mecham Critic Staff

"If I don't practice for one day, I know it; if I don't practice for two days, the critics know it; if I don't practice for three days, the audience knows it." —Ignace Paderewski, famous Polish pianist, composer, and the second Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland.

With their heart rates almost up to game speed, the Lyndon State College men and women's soccer teams were sharing practice toward the common goal of successful upcoming seasons in the North Atlantic Conference.

As the players' touches became more refined, and new and old teammates were linking together, the beauty in the sport and within human understanding shown through the setting sun with pastel strokes across the sky.

Suddenly, the game pace lagged, the air changed, and from across the field, as flow and understanding crum-

bled to dust, a woman in Lyndon State College Athletics uniform strutted out of the school and toward the Lyndon Soccer Field.

A robust Alex Evans, who also serves as Lyndon's strength and conditioning coach, was playing her role as Assistant Athletic Director, which today meant kicking Lyndon's soccer teams off the soccer field.

"We understand that the lacrosse team has field priority during our off-season, but their team is at an away game right now," said men's senior captain Phil Curll, "and the intramural field we are supposed to practice on is unplayable."

"A few teammates and I were playing on (the intramural field) the other day," said Michelle Wilcox, from the women's team, "but we were limited to where we could play, because of how soft and uneven the surface of the field was."

"In my opinion, the surface of the rugby field is pretty rough and unsafe for soccer and running purposes."

"We are doing this for your own good," said Evans, Lyndon's conditioning coach. "The game field will be in better condition for your season."

"When we can sign up to help fix the intramural field, we are all willing, but until then, I think we should be allowed a place to practice," said Dustin Ameden, LSC senior.

"This field can't take that much abuse," Ummer said after parking his four-wheeler on it. "I only get this trouble around this season with the soccer players... They are disrespectful and rude, and there's no place for that. That's what you should write your story about."

When asked if sense could be made of the regulations by enhancing the regulations, such as the limiting of off-season practices logically, taking into

consideration that the spring season supports less than half as many athletes on the field as the fall over a shorter period of time, Ummer said the best bet would be to find a place off campus.

"Plans are being made to fix the intramural field," Ummer said. "The plan is to have it ready to play on by September."

"This field just can't take the abuse," he said again. "In the fall, if the lacrosse guys try to play out here, we tell them they can't."

When asked about the cemented in soccer goals at each end of the pitch regarding how they are not of regulation size, Ummer replied, "We are planning on replacing them soon. It's going to take some serious excavating."

And just like that, Lyndon's soccer field suffered another lonely sunset, once an easel for the prosperity of human expression, now just a shadowed memory of what could have been.

Team Manager is Integral Part of Team

Corey Wells

Critic Correspondent

The job of team manager is not a glamorous one, but one that is still important to have on any sport.

The Lyndon State College baseball team knows that about as good as anyone. The team's manager, sophomore Bo Mustafic, is just as important to the team as the players and coaches. Mustafic must be at all the games and practices just as the players and coaches have to.

"We consider him as much as a part of the team as anyone else," says junior catcher Robert Trucott. "If we didn't have him, we wouldn't have a part of our whole team."

As team manager, Mustafic has many jobs he has to perform in order for the team to function. At practices, Mustafic tends to any needs that the players have. For example, if a pitcher is standing around waiting for his catcher to get his gear on Mustafic fills in until the catcher is ready or if an infielder needs extra fielding practice Mustafic



Photo by Bryan Barber
Mustafic is considered an important part of the team, just like any other team member.

will hit them groundballs.

Along with helping the players at practice, Mustafic gets the water for the team before every practice and game. He also makes sure that all of the player's uniforms make it to each game. During the games, Mustafic's job is to keep track of what happens

to every player in the game and the book.

"I think he's done a great job so far making sure that all that coach needs him to do as far as being manager," Trucott adds. "He gets it done without any questions."

Mustafic got into being the team's manager when a few players asked him if he would want to take the job. Mustafic had been known to be one that is organized and very helpful.

"I took the job without hesitation," says Mustafic. "It was a chance to be with my friends and learn about the game that they love to play."

Mustafic's background in baseball is not a strong one; he played Lacrosse in high school. Mustafic also help manage the lacrosse team at Plymouth State College his freshman year before transferring to Lyndon State.

"I was able to use what I learned about managing a team when I was at Plymouth despite not knowing much about baseball," says Mustafic. "I try to work hard to give the team what they need from me."

Playoff Hopes End

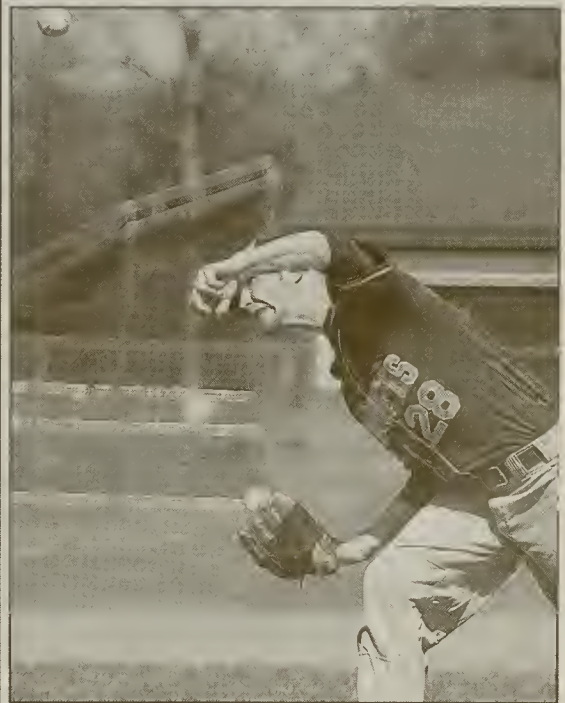


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The Lyndon State College baseball team had to win their last six games starting Thursday to make the playoffs. They won the first game against University of Maine - Farmington 8-7 with a walk-off single from Robert Trucott, but lost the second game 4-1. The Hornets (5-23) have four games remaining against Husson.

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Lady Hornets Not Scoring Enough Runs



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Left: Katie Davis Right: Julia McNeil - The team will look to improve their hitting, as they've been shut out in three of their last six games. The softball team has struggled thus far, but they're hopeful they can turn their season around.

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State Softball is currently hanging toward the bottom of the North Atlantic Conference standings, now in eighth place out of nine teams.

Six straight losses to NAC opponents has given the Lady Hornets a conference record of 1-11. In these games, which were double-headers against Husson, Maine-Maritime, and at Thomas, the team was outscored by a wide margin of 53-6. That means that the Lady Hornets have averaged exactly one run over the last six games.

Junior left fielder Autumn

Thompson thinks that the team built off the beatings that it suffered against Husson and Maine-Maritime.

"Everybody got tired toward the end of the week, but we ended up using the experience from the losses we had against Husson and Maritime especially to throw everything together and actually make our bats come alive and everything come together on the field," Thompson said.

Certainly, the Lady Hornets had better outings against Thomas, scoring five runs in two games. It is these performances that make Thompson excited as the team looks ahead.

"The fact that we did well yesterday gives us positive feelings about the games to come and hopefully motivation to get us through the first round of the



Autumn Thompson

playoffs," Thompson said.

The Lady Hornets are set to play two more double-headers, which will be the final four games of the regular season. One

is at Castleton, starting at 3:30 p.m. Friday. The other double-header has the Lady Hornets hosting Green Mountain on Saturday, starting at 1:00 p.m. These opponents could not any more different, as Castleton ranks first in the NAC with an 11-1 conference record, and Green Mountain dead last with a 0-12 conference record.

Thompson believes that the Lady Hornets need to keep the same approach against Castleton.

"Castleton's a tough team, but we need to look at it not as if we're playing a tough team but as we're going into it fresh,"

Thompson said. "Even though we may have pre-conceiving notions about how well we're going to do, we need to just focus on the fact that they are just another team and we can beat them even if they have a really good record."

On the other hand, Thompson does not want the team to get too cocky about playing the hapless Green Mountain Eagles.

"With Green Mountain, even though they're not doing so well, we can't go into it thinking that we're going to win because we could very well get beat if we're not into the game," Thompson said.

Kevin Considers:

Smells Like No Team Spirit

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Yesterday I happened to catch a glimpse of the baseball game on my way back from running errands. As I drove by, I noticed a few things, but one thing in particular; barely any LSC students were at this game.

This isn't the first time I've seen low attendance at an LSC sports game. Almost all athletic

events have little to no attendance, and that's in part to a few reasons. First, we are in division three NCAA athletics, which is the lowest of the NCAA sanctioned sports divisions. Second, some of our sports teams are playing sub-par to what many would consider to be play-off contenders. For this reason alone, people are almost immediately uninterested in watching the athletes play. The sad

truth is that people want to be able to say they saw a famous athlete play, or watched their team win a national title. The question I have is, why can't you be proud of your team?

Over my three years here, I've seen some amazing athletes here at Lyndon. I watched the men's soccer team play in the NAC championship game in Waterville, Maine. I went because I was proud of how well

those guys played, and I was genuinely excited to see them win a huge game. Now soccer may not be your sport, but it's much easier to follow here on a small college campus.

The term "spectator" sport means that it is a sport that is watched by a large number of fans. Just because we don't have the true "numbers," doesn't mean we can't be there for them. Many teams from professionals

to college count on the energy and support that their fans create at the game's atmosphere. It's an important part of having home-field advantage, and we are doing our teams a disservice by not helping them out with that.

Be loud, be proud, and support your team. Give it a try, because who knows, you may end up having a good time.

It All Comes Down To This

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

A 6-3 loss to Castleton dropped the Hornets to fifth in the North Atlantic Conference standings, with a 1-2 record in conference games. That leaves only two conference games left to play in the season. To make the playoffs, the Hornets must finish in the top-four of NAC, meaning that they must win both a previously postponed match against Colby-Sawyer, and a match against Thomas.

Freshman John Corey, who is currently the team's number-three seed, realizes what is on the line in these two matches.

"In the beginning of the season, we had the idea that we were going to pound through these teams," Corey said. "Now that we have that reality check... we got to buckle down more. It's going to be tougher to pull through

because Thomas and Colby-Sawyer are very tough teams."

One solution that Corey offers: practices with teammates who are close in tennis ability.

"You can only get better by playing people that are just as good as you," Corey said. "If I'm playing with someone who's playing six, yeah that person's going to get better, but there's not much of a benefit for me."

Corey certainly could use some of that experience after a tough singles match against Castleton's Matt Trombley, which resulted in Trombley being victorious in two sets, both by a margin of 6-1.

Corey felt that he was thinking too much during the match.

"Way too early I got into my head, and started to psych myself out, saying 'You can beat them,' Corey said.

"But every time I lose a point I'd be like 'Oh, you're just going to lose.'"

Those kinds of mistakes cannot be repeated against Colby-Sawyer or Thomas. Corey feels that the team's play against previous conference opponents like Johnson and Castleton can perhaps lead to success.

"Even though the scores don't look close (against Johnson and Castleton), the game scores were actually really close to those two teams," Corey said. "Both are definitely very beatable."

Matches against Colby-Sawyer and Thomas are both on the road and back-to-back. First, the Hornets travel to finish their match against Colby-Sawyer on Friday for a 2:00 p.m. start time. The following day, the team will travel to Thomas for a match at 2:00 p.m. as well, with the season very much on the line.

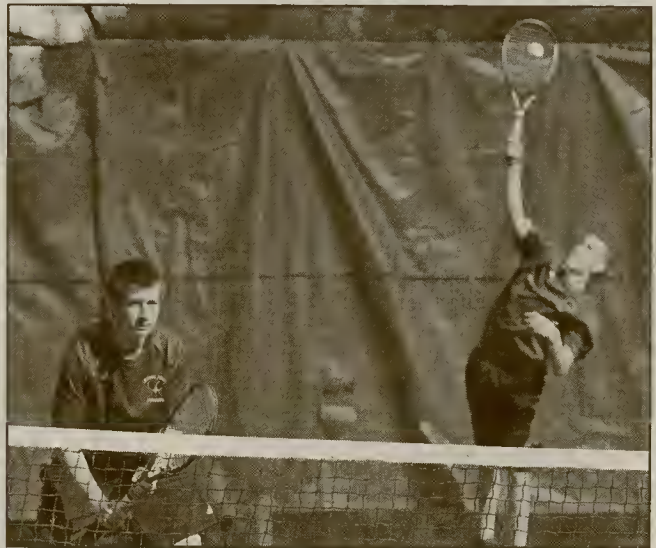


Photo by Brian Barber
Tyler Schofield (R), player of the week in the NAC, and Daniel Weiner (L) play their doubles match together as the two and four seeds of the men's tennis team.

LAX Struggling in NAC

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State Lacrosse is facing some tough tests over the coming days, games that could perhaps prevent the Hornets from sliding further down in the North Atlantic Conference standings.

Currently in sixth place with a 2-4 conference record, the Hornets are set to host fifth-place Thomas on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., and second-place Castleton on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Sophomore goalkeeper Matt Reynolds thinks that injuries might hold the team back in the game against Thomas.

"With Thomas it's going to be a competitive game," Reynolds said. "Last year, we lost to them in overtime and this year we have strong players, but still we are lacking those players due to injuries."

After Thomas, the Hornets must deal with the always-powerful Castleton, which has only lost one conference game all season. Reynolds is perfectly aware of the strength of the Hornet's Wednesday opponent.

"Castleton is a tough opponent in the NAC," Reynolds said. "We just got to communicate more and hold them to a certain amount of goals."

There is not too much positive buzz going on in the Hornet's locker room, as the team has lost four straight conference games

by a combined score of 72-8.

"We just lacked the fundamentals in the last couple of weeks, and we haven't got that much time to do it as a team together," Reynolds said. "We just need to communicate more, and that's what we're lacking... Everybody's silent, and with no communication you don't know what's going on. It doesn't help the team at all and it doesn't help in the game."

These problems really became apparent in the 30-1 defeat that the Hornets suffered at New England College last Wednesday. To add insult to injury, the team was only able to dress 13 players. Rules state that a lacrosse team must have at least 10 players dressed for each game, so the Hornets barely made the cutoff.

Still, the game was just too easy for New England College.

"They (New England College) would just come down, do a couple of passes, and score," Reynolds said.

Altogether, it has been a troubling past couple weeks for the team, according to Reynolds.

"Mentally we're just going insane, stressed," Reynolds said. "We don't have the same numbers that we did in the beginning of the year, so it's just like slowing down and we're not doing as well as we were in the beginning of the season."

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Moufy Talks Biggie, Boston and Big Papi

Brother of Former Student Excited to Pump LSC Up

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

Boston hip-hop artist Moufy will be rapping his way on the Lyndon State College campus this Thursday in the Alexander Twilight Theater at 7 p.m.

In an phone interview with the Critic, Moufy talked about coming to Vermont, his musical idols, and how he felt when the Patriots lost the Superbowl.

Q. How did you get interested in rap?

A. My junior year of high school. I got asked to leave high school, so I had from March to May where I was kicked 'outta school and I just had a lot of down time, dealing with a lot of frustration, so I just began writing. I always loved music, especially hip-hop.

Q. You affiliate yourself with "Star Gang," can you explain to people who might not know Star Gang, what it is?

A. Star Gang is just the name of my crew. My crew and my fans, I got my own name, Moufy, but [Star Gang's] just what my camp, my fans are called.

Q. In September you did a video with David Ortiz, what was it like working with Big Papi?

A. He's a great guy, he's very down to earth. It was just a great experience overall. "Pops Chips" just sent us an email and the opportunity just came up.

Q. Your pride for Boston is obvious in songs like "Boston Lights." What is your favorite thing about the city?

A. There's a lot of things I like, but I like the pride [people] have. We appreciate Boston, we just went to a Sox's game and met the coach. The coach is really great.

Q. So you're a big fan of Boston sports?

A. Oh yeah.

Q. How disappointed were you when the Giants beat the Patriots in the Superbowl?

A. (laughs) Oh, that was tough. That was really, really tough. Really tough. I'm still a little bit sore—I gotta move on.

Q. Your brother, Jose Fortunato, went to LSC. How do you feel about coming to perform at the college your brother attended?

A. I'm excited because my brother told me a lot about it. There's a really strong connection to that school. I know some people up there through my

brother and I want to make it a really great show, nah mean? Plus I just really like Vermont in general.

Q. So, you've played a lot of shows. Do you still get nervous before you go on?

A. Nah. Honestly, like nah. I just do it really, try and give it my all. If I have my health, and if I have enough energy, then I don't really get nervous. If I give it my all, that's all I can do. You nah what I mean? Just gotta pump it up, pump it up.

Q. Do you have any pre show rituals before you go on stage?

A. Well, I meet up with my team, we all huddle up and we just thank the opportunity, then we go on.

Q. Who is your biggest musical inspiration?

A. I don't really have just one. Jay [Z], 'Pac, Biggie, Kanye, all had a great career. It's hard to pick just one.

Q. Anything you want LSC to know?

A. Let them know we're excited and we thank LSC for the opportunity.

The Music Business and Industry Event Management class is organizing the event, but according to MBI major and event planner Christina Cadorette, it really started with the students.

"[Students] created a Facebook group and started rallying people to create interest. Our event management class noticed and realized we could do something that the student body was excited about."

To get into the show, students must present their I.D. and have a Moufy wristband. Students can get their wristbands free of charge from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the ATT lobby.

Why the wristbands?

"We wanted to do something that would be seen and create interest," Cadorette, who designed and ordered the bands, explained. "The idea was thrown out in class."

Rappers Freddie and Dunn will warm up the audience for about 30 minutes before Moufy performs. But don't expect any alcohol at the show to warm up, none will be served.

Cadorette believes bringing Moufy to campus can lead to bigger acts.

"We're hoping this will lead to more shows in the future. The class is showing the campus, public safety, and SGA that students can run a successful show. We have a lot to prove."



Joe Gittleman models the Moufy wristband, that serves as the ticket to the show

Courtesy of Joe Gittleman

On the Radio

Bryan White
Critic Correspondent

Monday nights at 7 DJ Brother and DJ Wolfel set up the radio station just the way they like it. The DJs bring in their own lamp so they don't have to use the bright studio lights and they hang up an American flag since their show is called The All American Potion.

The All American potion plays a wide variety of music from classic rock to funk, Monday nights between 7 and 9 on WWLR 91.5

The show is hosted by two roommates Adam Brothers (DJ Brother), Critic staff member, and Ry Wolfel (DJ Wolfman). DJ Brother started the show in the spring of 2009 and has kept the show going with a few other DJs over the years. Recently he started hosting the radio show with his roommate Ry Wolfel.

Brothers said, "Monday nights we come down and kick it on the radio, it's something to look forward to. Usually you

have the Monday morning blues, but for us it's like the Monday night jams."

For Brothers and Wolfel it's a great way to start off the week by playing their favorite music.

"We start off with the national anthem and play a hunch of jams. Around 8 o'clock we like to play a long jam that we call The Main Ingredient to The All American Potion," Wolfel said.

The two DJs say it's pretty easy to get a radio show if you go to the meetings. The board of directors is eager to give anyone who wants a chance, time on the air.

Brothers said, "It was really easy when I started because I joined someone who had a show already. Now that it is under new management you just have to go to any of the meetings at the beginning of the semester and talk to the board of directors or Nick Brien, the man in charge."

The two DJs enjoy having control over the radio station allowing them to play a mix of

melodies they like to hear.

Even though it is their radio show and they are in control of what they get to play there are still some rules they have to follow to keep their show on the air.

Elias Hantzis, the radio traffic director, says his job is to make sure Brothers and Wolfel keep a record of the songs they play and the times they play them.

"The basic rules are, treat the place better than your house, don't leave it a mess, fill out the operation log and if you have any guests make sure they fill out the operation log as guest," Hantzis says.

The rules are pretty simple, be respectful of the station, don't swear and just keep a record of what you play.

The radio traffic director also said you're not supposed to play more than two songs by the same artist. The DJs don't always agree with the two songs by one artist rule, they play what they want to hear.

The List: Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion *Spring Colors*

Yvonne Black
Critic Columnist

Spring Colors. It's something I both love and dread seeing at Lyndon State. I wouldn't dread it if people did it right though. But as always, I'm here to help. Lucky you.

1) Pastels suck. Especially when they are combined with other pastels. There's pretty much no exception. The only thing you're accomplishing when you're wearing light pink jeans, a light blue blouse, and a light green jacket—is looking like an Easter egg.

2) Go bright! Hot pink, bright orange, vibrant greens make for sexy and fun spring outfits. The great thing

about these bright colors is they mix well together. Just because you wear hot pink pants doesn't mean you can't wear teal and orange. Caution: To avoid looking like a clown, avoid bright colors with ruffles. Straight lines, straight cuts.

3) Are you afraid of the color commitment? It's fine—try wearing a bright colored bag first. Bright bags can make a Spring style statement and you can still wear your favorite neutrals. Looking for a bag? Low budget: Urbanoutfitters.com has cute spring bags priced under \$30. Splurge time: Marc Jacobs just released his line of Spring totes. Expensive? Yeah. Worth it? I think so.

STAND OUT STYLE

Name: Wesley Hatch

Wearing: *Shirt:* Goodwill in Burlington, Vt.

Pants: Spain

Shoes: Portugal

Belt: St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Style Icon: Tom Waits, classy American singer, songwriter, and actor

Fashion Tip: "Do what feels right."



Cultural Hub at Catamount Arts

Olivia Hamel
Critic Correspondent

In the rural area of Lyndonville, students complain of "boredom," yet Catamount Arts allows LSC students to view their movies for free.

On a college student budget, the student discount is an alluring aspect of Catamount, although it is not the only impressive one.

Professor Linda Mitchell, who advocates the opportunities that Catamount provides said, "It's a great organization that has interesting independent films."

They also have sponsored performances. Buddy Guy who played Monday, was sold out well before the performance even took place.

An even more hidden aspect of the Catamount Arts is that they provide a free "Mic-Night" once a week, told Linda Wacholder, director of career services her at LSC, and also a board member at Catamount Arts.

Catamount Arts is a perfect hidden treasure for LSC students who are feeling creative, looking for something to do or MBI majors who want to test out a song.

Mitchell said, "The movies are free, all you have to do is show your LSC I.D."

They show two movies during the week. They show them in the evening and in the afternoon. They have 5:30 shows, 7:00 shows and 9:00 shows.

Catamount has a website that provides people with movie schedules, due to the fact that movies are changing constantly. The website is CatamountArts.org.

The website is a useful tool because it shows movies that are currently playing and movies that are coming up, as well as other events. The website even provides an "Event Calendar," so that customers can make plans in advance or buy tickets for a certain event before they sell out.

Not only does Catamount provide local audiences with live performances, and discounted movies, but there is also an art gallery that is located inside the Catamount Arts building. The gallery changes frequently, about once a week.

Catamount Arts sponsored a film festival; the Green Mountain Film Festival. Wacholder told, "It was exciting because it brought people from far and wide and they premiered a local filmmaker's movie, Demolition Derby."

Wacholder said, "They were short films, but maybe the directors will be some of the great artists in the future."

Wacholder also added, "There are a number of free events, free bluegrass concerts once a month, and lectures that happen. It is a cultural hub. If we did not have Catamount in this area we would really be at a loss for a lot of cultural happenings."

Critical and Factual Predictions *A Horoscopes*

Aries March 21- April 19

Keep an eye on the plants in your yard. A money tree will be growing and blooming soon.

Taurus April 20-May 20

You will be whisked away on an unexpected and unplanned adventure. No need trying to prepare, you're just in it for the ride.

Gemini May 21-June 20

You are too gullible and easily influenced. Don't believe everything you hear. You have enough intellect of your own to support yourself. Make your own opinions and assessments and you will reap the rewards of your confidence.

Cancer June 21-July 22

Your love life is on the fritz. You must decide whether your significant other is truly what you want in a person. Do they complement you as an individual? Concrete sentiments are essential to your happiness. Form them swiftly.

Leo July 23-August 22

You will create a modern invention, new to mankind. Patent it and claim your plot in history before some other greedy bastard steals it.

Libra September 23-October 22

Introduce yourself to the next sexy

person you see. Be cool, and things will blossom into a magical relationship. Or perhaps just a night.

Virgo August 23-September 22

You are in a funk, and for the most part doomed. Keep your head up, not for pride or optimism, but to beware of falling anvils and pianos. That's just your luck. Dodge them and the upcoming weeks should shift you back into your smooth groove. But, you probably won't be able to avoid them.

Scorpio October 23- November 21

You will meet someone famous. Kiss their ass and they might throw you a bone.

Sagittarius Nov. 22- December 21

Try something new and you will realize that rocks are no fun to live under. This is important for human development.

Capricorn December 22-January 19

You will learn an instrument in an effort to prove yourself to another person. You will find that you are an incredibly talented musician and will go on to perform around the globe. You will become rich and famous.

Pisces February 19-March 20

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With all this warm weather, it's been next to impossible to get anything done. Even as I'm writing this I have little inspiration and an incredible lack of motivation to finish. After all these months of being in class after class only to go home to a

mountain of homework and/or work, I am more than ready to kick back. There is an incredible longing for bon fires and sitting on the porch with friends, for tubing down the river, and lying out on the beach, for cook outs and wiffle ball and kick ball games without worrying about class in the morning. To know that these are all a short three weeks away is torturous so for the next few weeks my mantra will be counting down the weeks and days until the un-interrupted summer festivities can commence.

Exercise of the Week:
Frog Jumps

Did you hear all the spring peepers this week? Embrace the beginning of the frog season

with this exercise that tones muscles and ups your cardio.

Squat all the way down and place your hands flat on the ground in front of you shoulder width apart. Your weight is going to primarily be balanced on your arms so make sure you're stable. Jump your legs back as if you are jumping to push up position but your legs and feet are wide apart forming a "V." Keeping your legs wide, jump your legs back towards your hands standing in a demi squat so your feet are either in line with your hands or just in front of them depending on your balance and flexibility. Repeat this jump as fast as you can for :30 seconds to a minute, rest and repeat for three reps.

Recipe of the Week:
Chickpea and Avocado Salad Sandwich

Admittedly this may be a little out there for some of you but it is a healthy alternative to tuna or egg salad. You get the same protein from the chickpeas and the avocado, a healthy fat, acts as the mayonnaise to make it creamy.

- Ingredients:
- 1 large ripe avocado
 - 1 (15 ounce) can chickpeas (also called garbanzo beans)
 - 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
 - Juice from 1 lime
 - Salt and pepper, to taste
- Combine all ingredients into a bowl and mash together

with a fork or potato masher. Voila, chickpea and avocado salad! You can add whatever veggies you want to your sandwich or even nix the bread entirely and eat in lettuce roll-ups.

Activity of the Week:
Bon fire

It may be too cold to float down the river but you can still enjoy a fire with friends here on campus. (Double check with RA's before building your fire.) The nights are just cool enough that a fire is a welcome thing, but warm enough that you don't have to bundle yourself in a million layers to keep warm outside. Get some friends together, get some tunes, soda, munchies and sit around the fire. Enjoy the company or just veg out. Either way get outside as much as you can.

Sullivans' Corner: Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo

Austin Sullivan
Critic Columnist

This Wednesday marks the 70th anniversary of one of the most daring operations in American history. On April 18th, 1942, Task Force 16 steamed towards Japan. The nucleus of the Task Force was the carriers USS Hornet (CV-8) and USS Enterprise (CV-6). Aboard the Hornet were 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers from the USAAF (United States Army Air Force). Led by Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle, they were to be launched 400 miles off the coast of Japan. The

Task Force was spotted; however, by Japanese picket boats while they were still 650 miles away.

Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, aboard the Enterprise, realized that the element of surprise was lost. Sinking the picket boats, he ordered Captain Marc Mitscher of the Hornet and Doolittle to launch immediately. All 16 B-25s safely made the take off, and headed towards Japan while Halsey swung the Task Force back to Pearl Harbor. Coming either in singles or in small groups, Doolittle's bombers struck targets in Tokyo

and other locations such as Yokosuka. The raid met little opposition, as Japanese High Command assumed the carriers would launch closer.

Having launched earlier than anticipated, the B-25s were forced to fly into China after dark. When their fuel was exhausted, many airmen bailed out, or ditched in the sea. One B-25 suffered a fuel leak and was forced to land in Vladivostok, where the crew was interned for over a year. Three of the flyers were killed in ditching. Eight more were captured by the Japanese, with four of them dying through disease or execution.

In terms of material damage, the raid accomplished little. The strength of the Japanese

was not diminished in the slightest. It would take the Battle of Midway (June 1942), and the Guadalcanal campaign (August 1942 to February 1943) for the Allies to take the offensive.

The raid, however, was a great psychological victory for the United States. At that point, the Japanese Empire had steamrolled across the Pacific. Following their success at Pearl Harbor, the Japanese had taken U.S. territories such as Guam, Wake Island, and the Philippines (Bataan early April 1942, Corregidor would fall in May). The Japanese also captured Hong Kong from the British Empire in December, along with Singapore in February. The Dutch East Indies were also captured

by the Japanese, with the combined ABDA (American British Dutch Australian) naval command losing the Battle of the Java Sea (February 27th-March 1st). The raid bolstered American morale at a time when the Japanese appeared unstoppable. For his conduct, Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As it now has been 70 years since the raid, I would ask all of you to give a moment of silence and gratitude for these courageous men, many of who have passed on. I would also like all of you to give a moment of silence for the Chinese, who helped the raiders escape. Close to a quarter million Chinese would be killed by the Japanese Army following the raid in reprisal.

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Exploring Mount Pisgah



Early spring day on Mount Pisgah from the first lookout on the South Trail.

Photos by Adam Brothers

Adam Brothers
Critic Staff

The town of Westmore and the Willoughby area offer several mountains that are prime for hiking, perhaps most notably Mount Pisgah.

There are two trails that lead to the summit of Mount Pisgah: the north trail and the south trail.

The south trail of Pisgah, with its start on the right side of route 5A just before reaching the lake, is a two and a half mile footpath up about 1,600 feet over Lake Willoughby. The south trail is a novice trail, taking anywhere between an hour to two hours to ascend.

The 1.7 mile trail courses over mountain streams, up stone stairways constructed by the Green Mountain Club, and leads to multiple spectacular vistas. There are a few lookout points on the way to the top, but the most rewarding view comes from after reaching the top

and continuing back down the other side.

After reaching the rock-topped summit of Mount Pisgah, continue along the trail over the peak and down the other side for about a few hundred yards, and on the left will be a sign designating the lookout. Take this small side trail to the rock outcropping at the end of the path and be ready to take in a magnificent view that stretches all the way north to Jay and Canada, west, clear enough to view the Adirondacks of New York, and southeast enough that, if you look in the right direction, you'll see Lyndon State College. The outcropping is about 650 feet above anything solid so don't slip.

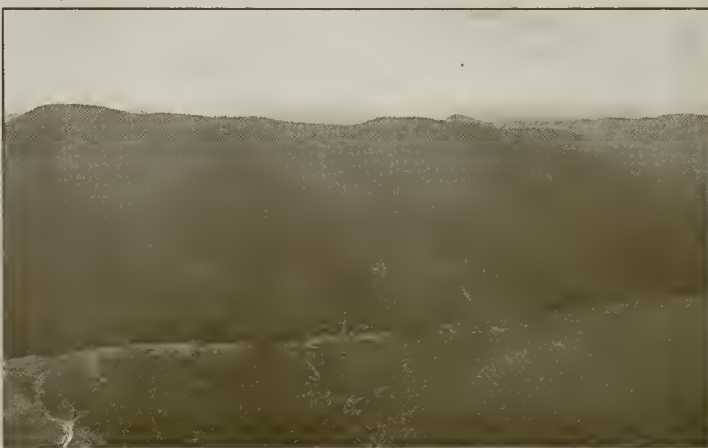
Having climbed over the peak on the south trail of Mount Pisgah to the outlook, this will now be the north trail. The summit is the intersection of the north and south trails. The north trail starts a few miles further along on the right side of the road along Lake Willoughby.

There's a waterfall and a sign designating the north trail on the side of the road. The north trail is 2.2 miles in length and is steeper and tougher terrain than the south trail. The north trail is recommended for more experienced hikers.

The east trail, which courses Hedgehog Mountain, is also accessible from the

summit of Mount Pisgah.

The hike up Mount Pisgah courses very close to the edge of the rock cliff-faces so caution is naturally advised. Caution is also advised for hikers with dogs ascending up to the summit as dogs have been reported to have fallen off the steep cliff beside the trail.



View of Mount Hor from summit outlook.

Climb to the Top: LSC Students Peak in West Virginia

Kexin Xie
Critic Correspondent

"That was a really muddy and smelly river, and they (students) used five men to push me into it," says Jamie Struck, LSC Adventure Program Coordinator, when reviewing the six-day long trip to West Virginia.

At 4 a.m., March 31, the beginning of spring break, 12 students climbed aboard two mini vans; it was their first climb of many during their adventures in West Virginia. After 13 hours, they reached their destination. "We went to Seneca Rocks," says Struck, "and luckily, the weather was nice and warm. And it only rained once at night."

Located at the northern end of the River Knobs, Seneca Rocks is a large crag which has become a local landmark because of its popular challenge of sheer rock faces. With almost 400 major routes to climb to the top,

Seneca Rocks is also uniquely attractive by its various climbing degrees for those climbers who want to challenge themselves and get great experience on the east coast.

There are two campgrounds near Seneca Rocks called Seneca Shadows and Yokum's Princess Snowbird which allows people to camp and make friends. And the South Branch of the Potomac River, where Struck was thrown in, is also a good place to meet interesting people.

During the day, students went on rock climbing trips. "I yelled really loud when I got to the top [of a peak]," says Brady Callahan, a student in Mountain Recreation Management who went on the trip. "That was exciting." Besides climbing, students also volunteered to work on a community service project for half a day.

And at night, students returned to their camp com-

munity and slept in tents. "We had camp fires at night," says Milan Krainichich, another student who went on the trip. "And I went fishing in the river every night. That was so much fun."

However, as with any adventures, unexpected things did happen. "We met a couple of rock slides," Struck says with a laugh, like it was no big deal. "And one of them was right behind our car."

"That was really close," adds Brittney Robinson, one of the five women in the trip. "But we were fine."

For all of the good times, great experience and new friends, each student paid \$240 which covered transportation, food, camping and climbing fees for the entire trip. No previous climbing experience was required.

"We have been doing [the trip] for three years," says Struck with a big smile on his face. "And you know what? You should come next year."

Pippin Review

Opening Night!



Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

The opening night of "Pippin" proved to be a night of surprises with cannons of confetti, the threat of testicles being lit on fire, a nine-year-old yelling, "That's not a duck, dumbass!", and a program warning, "some material may be inappropriate for young children-please use discretion."

Entering the Alexander Twilight Theatre, the audience was greeted by tunes from the 1970's and a slideshow of memorabilia from the 1978 cast of "Pippin". By 7 p.m., nearly the entire front section of the theater was filled with the parents of cast members, students, alumni, and community members.

The actors and actresses played out the story of Pippin, a boy who is lost in life, and desperately seeking a place where he belongs. He is misunderstood by many a person, including his own father. At times, it seems as though the lead player, played by Dave Daley, doesn't even know what to make of Pippin, himself.

The characters were garbed in 70's style clothing, complete with bell-bottom jeans and loud colors. Pippin, played by Daniel Haycook, was dressed in pants resembling a patchwork quilt, while Fastrada, played by Sarah Warren, was clad in a leopard leotard and a tasseled skirt. While singing the musical number "Glory", the lead player was

dressed almost entirely in black, right down to a black fedora and black nail polish. As a clever way of setting this musical in the time period of the Vietnam War, army jackets and rifles were added, along with red lighting and a movie projection of the war behind the dancers.

The choreography was well planned and rehearsed, with only a few lagging moments. Despite a few instances of repetitive dance moves, there were two memorable dances that come to mind. When the troops are preparing for battle, the choreography really depicts just how out of the loop Pippin really is. While Pippin is kicking right, the rest of the army is kicking left. Next, when things get hot and heavy between Pippin and Catherine, played by Jacqueline Lavolette, two dancers are depicting the "big moment", in the background behind the bed. And, if that's not enough, two cannons of confetti should cast away any remaining doubt as to what is really happening in that bed on stage.

The music performed by the orchestra was especially commendable, as they were able to capture and convey the emotions of the scenes: in battles and in the bedroom. While there are songs that will remain in my head for the next few days, some I found myself yawning through and others, I just plain couldn't hear the words from the front row.

Right from the very first lines spoken, as members of the cast moved through the audience determining if this was a good venue for their theater troupe, the cast desperately worked to promote audience involvement. Their first attempt was a slight failure when trying to get the audience to join in singing "No Time at All". Nevertheless, the characters constantly spoke directly to the crowd, never forgetting that we were there.

The finale was equally as surprising as the rest of the play prior, with a shocking decision on Pippin's part and a final song that may blow your mind. It was after this finale that the Twilight Players earned a standing ovation from the audience at the conclusion of their opening night.

Photos by Danielle Drown

Right: Sarah Warren strikes a pose as Fastrada

Below: The cast is showered in confetti at the end of the opening number

Above: Jake Machell sings in the Twilight Players' opening night production of 'Pippin'



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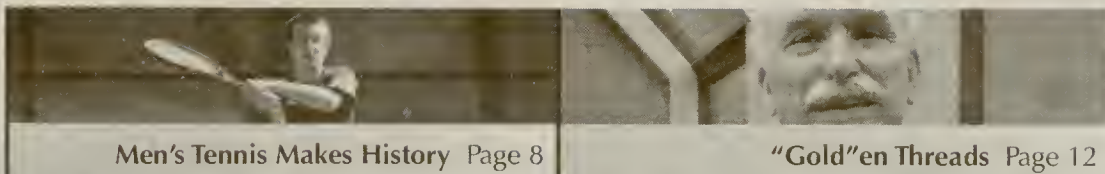
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WOMEN TO RALLY FOR RIGHTS

Olivia Hamel
Critic Correspondent

Janet Bennion, social science professor at Lyndon State College, pointed out that "Recently we [have] heard of this disturbing Arizona law that would preclude the right for any women, even two weeks before she has even conceived a child, to have an abortion."

Laws like this are exactly why there is a rally for women's rights taking place April 28, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bennion encourages students to go. Those who are interested should arrive outside of the Academic and Student Activities Center at 9:30 a.m., where two buses will be waiting to bring students to Montpelier.

Citizens in Vermont are not alone in their protest. Similar rallies will be taking place in every state capitol.

The goal of the rally is to help defend women's rights and to seek equality.

The rally is necessary because of, "The political statements and laws that have been promoting reproductive control of women's bodies," Bennion said. "And also it is about economic inequalities that are being sponsored in various states."

The rally has captured the attention of Vermont entertainers, such as Neko Case, singer and songwriter and two-time Grammy nominee, singer and songwriter Tammy Fletcher, and the theatre group Bread and Puppet, from Glover, Vt.

Margaret George, junior psychology and human services major, helped organize Lyndon's involvement. In an email, George wrote what motivated her to at-

tend and help facilitate the event.

"Standing up for all of the women who might be too shy or scared to. As well as supporting all women...mothers, sisters and daughters."

Emma Kaplan, freshman psychology major, plans to attend the rally and said, "I believe that this is an important issue and it needs more support, and that is why I plan to attend the rally."

"The rally is created as a grass-roots movement to create awareness of what's happening in our country," Bennion said. "Women are autonomous independent citizens who have the right to do whatever they wish to do, they have the choice to either have a child or not have a child."

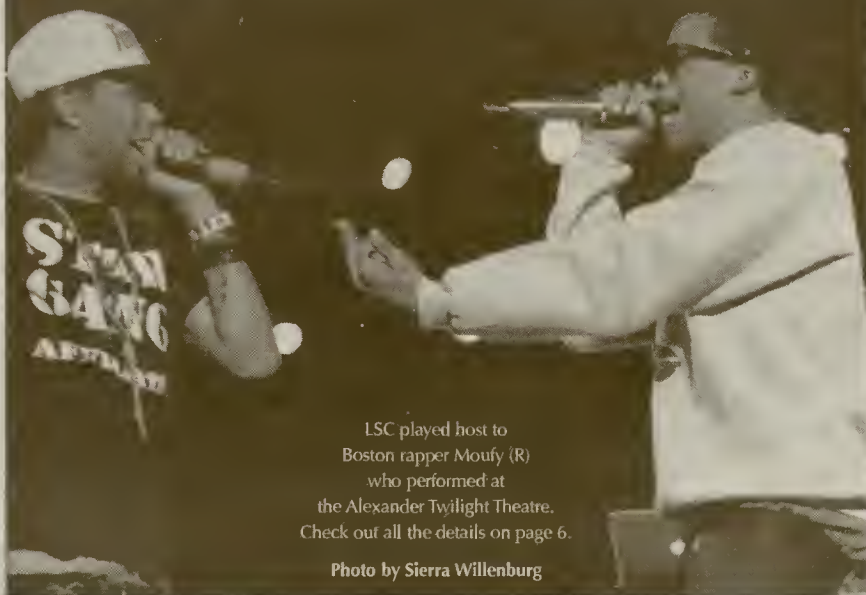
Bennion believes that the politicians who are trying to implement strict and controlling women's rights laws and legislation need to come to realize a valuable point that, "If it wasn't for birth control our population would be experiencing a very serious problem, we would be experiencing over-population, and deprivation of resources," she said.

At the rally the public can become aware of the legislation that politicians are implementing. Bennion gave one example.

"Virginia's legislature has sponsored this bill to force women who are seeking an abortion have a vaginal probe ultrasound," is unnecessarily invasive to women, as Bennion notes, "It was [this legislation] in no way related to women's reproductive rights, in fact it was antithetical to them."

Points such as these will be made more common knowledge at the rally.

MOUFY ARRIVES



LSC played host to
Boston rapper Moufy (R)
who performed at
the Alexander Twilight Theatre.
Check out all the details on page 6.

Photo by Sierra Willenburg

IT: FASTER INTERNET, MORE EMAILS

Erin Milne
Critic Correspondent

Lyndon State College students will soon be able to browse the Internet faster.

The increased bandwidth, as well as bigger inboxes, more wireless access, and new printing quotas, are all part of LSC's Information Technology Services (IT) department's plan to upgrade the campus's network. IT unveiled its plan at last week's Student Government Association meeting.

This summer, the campus's bandwidth will be doubling from 50 megabits to 100 megabits, increasing Internet speed. The increase is greatly needed, said Chief Technology Officer Mike Dente.

"You can never have enough bandwidth. We could triple our bandwidth and fill it immediately, so we are trying to strike a balance between cost and need and use," Dente said.

According to Dente, most of the campus Internet use recreational rather than academic or administrative. This is especially

in true in the residence hall in the evenings. Recreational use accounts for about 80% of the campus's daily Internet use.

Even with the increased



Photo by Sarah Murphy
LSC's Chief Technology Officer
Mike Dente

bandwidth, Dente said the speed will remain slower than what a person could expect from a home internet connection because it is being split between so many users on campus.

"We can't provide what someone would get from their home internet for every student," Dente said.

Wireless access is also being extended. Wireless is now available in all of the residence halls, and new access points are being

installed in the Rita Bole complex to make wireless available in more parts of the building.

"The campus is over 80% covered now, so now we're just adding capacity," Dente said.

Email inbox capacity is set to increase from 300 megabytes to 1 gigabyte. IT will also be switching its email exchange server from a 2007 model to a 2010 model, which will give students access to more features for mail, calendars, and task management.

Printing quotas are also changing. IT has been tracking student printing for the past two years and has found that 1,000 pages per academic year is a reasonable limit, Dente said, adding that 1,000 pages is the limit set by many other colleges. Once a student exceeds his or her limit, he or she will have to pay five cents for each black-and-white page and fifteen cents for each color page.

"We're not trying to make money off it; it's just what it would be for our costs," Dente said.

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Campus Calendar

Mon. 4/30: Alcohol Awareness Day
Wed. 5/2: Final SGA Meeting of the Year 8 p.m.
Wed. 5/2: 6th Annual Spring Dip 12:30 p.m.
Thurs. 5/3: Robing Ceremony 3 p.m.

A Quote to Note

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- Ludwig Van Beethoven

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The Vermont Brain Drain Solution

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

May is right around the corner. Thousands of students who attend college in Vermont will be graduating. Many are excited for the journey ahead, while others are nervous because of the uncertainty of the job market. But one thing is for sure, Vermont has a growing brain drain that is causing our graduates to move out of state and begin their careers elsewhere. The biggest gap of students who do not decide to stay and work in their community is right here, in the Northeast Kingdom.

First you have to consider the lack of a prosperous economy in the NEK. Taxes that are continually being increased from our legislators in Montpel-

lier cripple any small business owners' hope to hire students at their firm or company. The job creators in our area get absolutely no help from the state in encouraging students like you and me to stay

and raise a family in the Northeast Kingdom. This mentality needs to change.

This limits opportunities for our students. If the employers are not hiring, then where do the educated students go to work? Most students head home to other locations in Vermont or their home state and then take flight and leave. Vermont has one of the oldest populations in the nation, and with a stalled economy, students aren't posting up shop in the Northeast Kingdom.

I believe that there is a real

opportunity for a connection between the college and our surrounding community. Take for example the Leahy Center for Rural Studies and the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, two fine organizations that connect their staff members to our outside community. They are working hard to connect our intelligent and hard working students to the people of Lyndon and the Northeast Kingdom. I hope that we continue and expand upon the successes that they have demonstrated so far.

Our average family median income is \$30,000 a year here in Caledonia County. Families worry whether or not they can pay for their heating oil for this upcoming year. We, as young people, have an opportunity to change the direction our area is

going by imploring a new industry throughout the NEK. This I believe is the development of a tech industry throughout our region which could serve not only Vermont, New England but the rest of the country and internationally. We as young people understand the impact of social media, marketing, and creating tools that make our lives easier.

We need students and professionals to be willing to take a chance in order to save the economy here in the NEK. Without bold and creative ideas, we will never flourish to our true potential. When considering what you want to do post grad, why not be a leader and create your idea. The traditional way is over; it's up to you to determine your own future.

Vox Populi

Dear Students,

We would like to send out a huge "thank you" to all of you who came out to the Moufy show! You all have contributed to showing the school that it is worth everyone's while to bring out larger acts. You presented yourselves well in following all necessary rules and regulations. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it together! Everyone has made tonight a success!

Thank you again,

The Event Management and Promotion Class; Spring 2012

Public Safety Log

4/19 Maintance Shed/ Campfire

Hey girl, you and me, campfire and some s'mores?

4/21 Crevcour/ Underage Drinking

#yolo= You Only Live Once

4/14 Crevcour/Glass Bottle thrown out Window:

Quick! Hide the evidence!

4/14 Poland/Assault:

Come at me bro!

4/21 Arnold/Objects thrown at Public Safety:

Duck! Public Safety, Duck!

4/15 Butt Hutt/ Vandalism:

Dude, pass me a crayon.

4/26 Whitelaw/ Underage Drinking:

What? They were doing it in Crev

4/16 Frisbee Golf Course/ Makeshift Structure

Hey, it's better than dorm life!

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4/15 Stonehenge Parking Lot/ Dispute Between Students:
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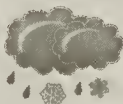
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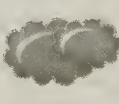
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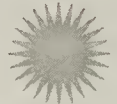
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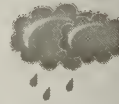
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Low 34°



Sunny
Partly cloudy overnight

TUESDAY

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Low 41°



Chance of showers
Nighttime chance of showers

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10 Questions With Professor David Plazek

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

Professor David Plazek is known for his outbursts of "Monty Python" quotes and consistently repeating the line "It's people!" from "Soylent Green." He will no longer be teaching full time as of the end of the semester at Lyndon State College, and he looks forward to continuing to teach politics at Johnson State College next semester.

He earned two bachelor's degrees (one in history, the other in political science) and a fifth-year teaching certificate from the University of Pittsburgh. He continued to score a master's degree in public administration at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and later obtained a master's and doctorate in political science from West Virginia University. Growing up in Pittsburgh, Plazek had hoped to stay somewhat close by. While he never planned on living in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, he is glad to now call the Northeast Kingdom home. Plazek sat down with *The Critic* to discuss how he ended up at LSC.

Q: So, how did you end up here?

A: My wife and I grew up in Pittsburgh, and we decided to look for jobs within a 10-hour radius. LSC turned out to be one of the schools interested in me, and I came up here to check it out and just really loved it. I'm not a "Vermont boy" though; I'll always be a true kid from Pittsburgh!

Q: Did you work anywhere else before turning to teaching?

A: I worked as a mental health case worker and resident advisor, as well as a substitute teacher. I also had

some fun in a band in my young adulthood. I started as a singer and then learned bass.

Q: What is your favorite weekend hobby?

A: I know it's stereotypical, but it's definitely being with my kids! They're the focus of my life. Usually we're out doing sports on weekends – this time of the year, it's baseball. I've got two boys and two girls; the youngest is 1 and the oldest is 9.

Q: What time period is your favorite to study?

A: I have an affinity for the Cold War. It had a profound impact on the world with so much at stake and many compelling stories. I'm also a World War II junkie.

Q: Many political activists on the far right consistently bash the left. So, is liberalism indeed a "mental disorder"?

A: No. It's an ideology about the way things ought to be!

Q: Who is your favorite president?

A: In the modern era, it is no doubt FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt). His approach added stability and strength to this country more than any other president.

Q: What's your favorite music genre and group?

A: I cast a wide net and listen to a lot of alternative. My favorite rock band is "Rage Against the Machine." I also always listen to the school's station, WWLR, for my music!

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

A: I want to live in many places. Right now, it's Ver-

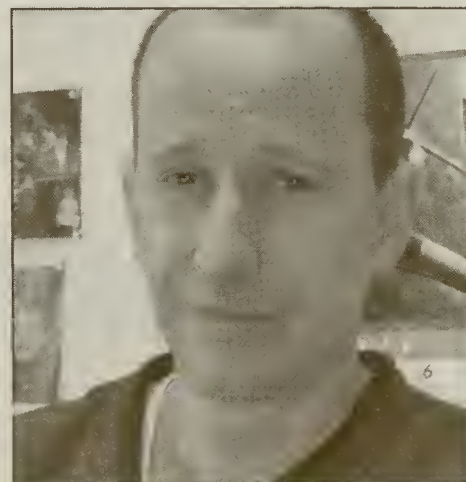


Photo by Tyler Dumont
Political science professor David Plazek

mont because I can still see my family. I wouldn't cross off Scotland and Canada in the future, though!

Q: What's the best part of American culture?

A: There's a general respect for freedom of conscience. Even though we have pockets of intolerance, there is a general belief that people should be able to think what they want.

Q: How tall are you – really?

A: I'm 6'7"!

Plazek, a self-admitted liberal, predicts President Obama will be re-elected to office in a close race.

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Overloaded or Unprepared?

Students and Professors Disagree on Why Freshmen Struggle Their First Semester

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Freshmen have a dismal success rate in some first-year courses.

Students say they are asked to learn too much in the classes they take when they first arrive at Lyndon State College; professors say that the students are not prepared for college-level work.

70 percent of first semester freshmen failed to get a C- or better in Intro to New Media last semester. LSC keeps statistics on first semester freshmen that receive a D, withdraw, fail, or get an incomplete from a class (DWFI). Intro to New Media was at the top of the list with only three freshmen succeeding

in the course.

There are about 90 class options available for freshmen at LSC. According to the list of DWFI classes provided by Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Donna Dalton, 20 of those classes had a DWFI rate of 20 percent or higher.

In terms of sheer numbers, College Writing had 76 out of 316 first semester freshmen that would have to repeat the course. In two math courses that many freshmen are required to take, almost half of first semester freshmen did not succeed. Thirty-two out of the 70 freshmen who took Problem Solving With Math were DWFIs and in Intermediate Algebra the num-

ber was 35 out of 79.

Freshmen who are currently taking Intro to New Media cite the abundance of new software they have to use for the class, which they may not be familiar with, as one of the reason their classmates have issues. The class focuses on using the Adobe Suites software which includes InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver and Fireworks.

"If you have no prior knowledge of Adobe going into this class you are automatically at a disadvantage in terms of what you can do," said graphic design major Cody Brackett. "You really have to learn what other people may already have learned years ago in high school."

Adjunct professor Michael Niggel teaches the class and students say that not having the teacher on campus is an issue. Another problem students have is that it is a hybrid, meaning that the class meets once a week, but the majority of the work and communication with the teacher is online.

"That definitely contributes to not getting credit for a class because not having access to a professor on a regular basis and only having online communication can definitely influence the grade," said graphic design major Brandon Heanssler.

Visual arts department chair Phil Parisi, who has taught Intro to New Media in the past, disagrees that having the class as a hybrid should impact the students negatively. He says there are plenty of resources the students can use if they need help and does not see having an adjunct teach the course as a negative because he says all adjuncts are fully qualified.

"There's four ways that a student could get help: online, in the classroom with the faculty

member, with a tutor, or with me," Parisi said. "There's always a subject content expert available on campus as a full-time faculty member."

He said that no student came to him for help last semester and thinks freshmen need to take more responsibility.

"Freshmen who are coming in here are not used to taking control of their learning," Parisi said. "We expect our students, from the day they walk in, to

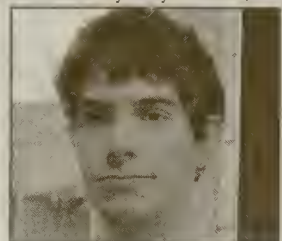


Photo by Sierra Willenburg
Freshman Cody Brackett says that a lack of prior knowledge of software puts his classmates at a disadvantage in Intro to New Media, the top DWFI class

start taking control of what they learn."

Intro to New Media will be offered for the final time this summer online and will be taught by Parisi. The visual arts department has gone through an overhaul with its majors. Incoming freshmen will take basic courses their first year and will not learn the material presented by Intro to New Media until their sophomore year which will lend itself to having more responsible students in the classes.

The second class on the DWFI list was Intro to Political Science with 63 percent of first semester freshmen not succeeding. Out of the eight that took the course, three were successful. Freshmen currently taking that class say the problem is so much information.

"There is a lot of subject matter," said graphic design major Tyler Powell who says he is currently getting around a B in the class, if not higher. "You need to have a base knowledge before you go into the class to know simple laws and constitutions. (Students) go into the class not sure what to expect and they get overloaded and they just can't deal with it."

Freshman computer science and math major Alec Vando, who is also currently taking the class, agrees that there is plenty to memorize, but sees a different reason to why students have a hard time with Intro to Political Science.

"If they are not interested in the material they are going to forget it," he said. "I am the exception to the rule. I find this completely fascinating. I've been interested in politics for years. A lot of people don't have that (interest)."

Professor David Plazek, who is currently teaching the class and taught it last semester, says that intro classes by nature have plenty of rote memorization. They are the building blocks to the higher level courses.

"You need to learn the basic concepts and terms and goals and so forth because these are the concepts and terms we use to discuss the subject," he said.

Plazek says that many incoming freshmen are not ready for college. He acknowledges that it is a tough transition from high school.

"Especially when you have a lot of students that are coming from high school where they didn't have to do homework and they got good grades," Plazek said. "You have to do the homework in my classes to succeed."

Top 25 DWFI Class Rates Last Fall for First Semester Freshmen (D, Withdraw, Fail, Incomplete)

Course	Title	DWFI Rate
NMS-1015	Intro to New Media	70%
POS-1010	Intro to Political Science	63%
MAT-1060	Problem Solving With Math	46%
MAT-1020	Intermediate Algebra	44%
HIS-1211	American History I	36%
INT-1710	ST: Gateway to College	32%
SSC-1030	Exploring the Social Sciences	31%
PSY-1010	Intro to Psychology	31%
MUS-1030	Music Fundamentals	30%
ENG-0030	Basic Reading and Writing	27%
BIO-1210	Intro to Biology	27%
EDU-2210	Found of Ed: Elem and Special Ed	26%
XSC-1090	Intro to Exercise Science	26%
MAT-0010	Basic Math Review	26%
ART-1010	Experiencing Arts	25%
ENG-1051	College Writing	24%
MRM-1080	Theory and Practice	24%
BUS-1010	Intro to Business	23%
XSC-1255	Fitness for Health and Perform	20%
MAT-0221	Basic Algebra	20%
ENG-1052	Expo and Analysis	19%
BUS-1210	Intro Business Software	17%
ATM-1211	Survey of Meteorology I	17%
PSY-1050	Human Growth and Development	13%
INT-1020	Academic Community	12%

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He added that he hopes the quotas will encourage students to ask their professors whether assignments really need to be printed, and he hopes this will bring down printing and hence conserve money and paper campus-wide.

He is also working with the meteorology department to see if it is possible for senior meteorology students to print fewer copies of their theses, and IT is looking into setting up a system whereby students who are printing for a club or a job with a campus department can charge the printing to the club or department account rather than to their personal account.

Dente said that the presentation was well received.

"Everything seemed positive. A few people were worried about the quotas," Dente said.

LSC students seem to be looking forward to the changes. Margaret George, a junior psy-

chology and human services major, saw the presentation and said she got "pretty excited" about it. She added that IT has been very helpful to her in her job as a peer leader.

"I called IT several times last summer to come help me, and they were very timely and courteous," George said.

Others wish to see some more improvements.

"In some of the labs, on all the computers, it takes like four times to log in," said Michelle Farnham, a junior human services major. Dente said this issue will be resolved this summer when IT overhauls the lab computers.

Charley Mao, a junior meteorology and mathematics major, said that it can sometimes be difficult to access Chinese social networking sites on the LSC network. Dente said this is also being worked on.

False Alarm Causes Accident Lyndon Rescue Hits Student's Car



Freshman Joe Anderson's vehicle was struck on the night of April 22 by a Lyndon Rescue ambulance responding to a fire alarm in the Wheelock Residence Hall.

Anderson's vehicle was parked in an end spot in the crowded Wheelock lot. The driver of the ambulance, Julie Dow, apologized to the student and called the incident "an accident." Lyndon Rescue's insurance company is covering the incident.

Multiple fire engines and rescue vehicles responded to the false alarm. Wheelock Residence Hall Director Jonathan Ross stated that they believe the set-off was a malfunction of the system, and not a smoke detector or a pull switch.

Photo by Tyler Dumont
Freshman Joe Anderson looks at the damage done to his car by Lyndon Rescue

Howard to Speak at Commencement



President of the AASCU, Muriel Howard, will be commencement speaker

Dr. Muriel Howard, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), will be the principal speaker for Lyndon State College's 101st commencement ceremony.

Howard became AASCU president April of 2009. Out of the six presidentially-based higher education associations based in Washington D.C., Howard is the only African American to lead an association and is the first female president of AASCU.

She holds a master's degree in education and a Ph.D. in educational organization, administration, and policy from the University of Buffalo as well as a certificate from the Institute of Educational Management at Harvard University. Howard has also received many awards for her commitment to diversity, contributions to higher education and service to the community.

"Dr. Howard has been a vital advocate for state colleges and universities at the national level and has worked diligently to influence federal policy and regulations," says Steve Gold, LSC interim President. "We will be honored by her presence."

Joining Howard at commencement are CEO of the Universal Weather and Aviation and Distinguished Alumni Award winner Ralph J. Vasami '82, greeter for the 50th reunion class Stephen M. Long '62, student speaker Rachel Keller and ceremonial reader Allison Poulin.

Public Safety will escort and direct over 220 graduates and their families under the large tent covering the soccer field where the ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. It is expected to be a full house.

The ceremony will be preceded by a "breakfast social" reception for graduates and guests and followed by a "coffee social" in Stannard Gym.



LYNDON STATE COLLEGE'S COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES 2012

May 3

3:00 p.m. ~ Robing Ceremony & Senior Awards ~ Alexander Twilight Theater

- Charge to the Graduates: Meaghan Meachem, Assistant Professor, Electronic Journalism Arts
- History and Significance of Robes: David Daly, Class of 2012
- Investiture of Robes: Steven M. Gold, President

4:15 p.m. ~ Robing Reception ~ Theater Lobby

4:45 p.m. ~ Senior Class Photo ~ Stannard Gymnasium with Keith Chamberlin, Director of Communications and Marketing

May 13

10:30 a.m. ~ Faculty Line-up and Breakfast Social with Families ~ Theatre Lobby

All faculty, staff, musicians, and families are invited

11:00 a.m. Commencement Ceremony

Under the tent on the soccer field or by live broadcast in the Alexander Twilight Theatre (Live broadcast for those who wish to be seated indoors if the weather is particularly warm/cold)

- Welcome/Ceremonial Reading: Allison Poulin, Class of 2012
- Student Speaker: Rachel Keller, Class of 2012
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Muriel Howard, President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient: Ralph Vasami, Class of 1982, Chief Executive Officer, Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc.

1:00 p.m. ~ Post-Commencement Photographs and Coffee Social ~ Stannard Gymnasium

Faculty will be located by their department banners in the gym for photo opportunities with graduates and families! Everyone is welcome.

Contact information: Tracy Sherbrook, Assistant to the Dean, Academic Affairs
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FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE LINK:
www.lyndonstate.edu/commencement

400 Strong

Huge Turnout for Boston Rapper Moufy

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

A line of students stretched down the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby, past the commuter lounge and all the way down to the Gravity Well, waiting to see Boston rapper Moufy perform.

"I'm so excited, I can't wait!" sophomore business major Michael Cartularo yelled.

The doors opened at 6:40 p.m., but students began lining up an hour prior, hoping to get front row seats.

Brooke Parciak, music business industry major, was in charge of counting the number of students who walked through the door.

"Dude, I'm aiming for 400 right now," Parciak said enthusiastically. "Actually, I'd be happy with 260."

With an attendance that hit over 400 students, Parciak and the rest of the event planning class were very happy.

Jose Fortunato, former Lyndon State College student and Moufy's brother and merchandise manager, said it was strange to be back.

"It's kind of weird seeing a lot of familiar faces and not being able to say 'hi' to everyone," Fortunato explained. "That's just really the funny part about it. But I'm excited about the show, I'm more excited than a little bit weirded out."

Sophomore electronic

journalism majors John Kazar and Alex Farnsworth were also excited to see Moufy.

"Should be a great show," said Kazar.

Farnsworth's favorite element of a concert is "the atmosphere. When you see he's having fun, you have fun with him."

One student was more

"People were coming backstage and telling me 'Yo, it's live out there,' so I was like word, I want to get out there, I want to get out there!" Moufy said. "And when we went out there it was just crazy."

During the show, Moufy gave a heartfelt speech about how important it was to be at LSC.

"One of the most important people in my life went here," he said to cheering fans. "I can see why he loved it so much. There are a lot of beautiful people here tonight."

Moufy said the highlight of the show came when he performed his popular songs.

"When 'Boston Lights' came on that was crazy," Moufy said after the show. "Twist it and Light it" and "Throw my Threes" were crazy. So those three songs were really crazy and fun.

"The show went really well, so I'm feeling great," said Moufy.

He left the rest of the night up to his brother.

"Well you know my brother used to go here, so I'm at my brother's mercy, wherever he says the party's at is what I'm going to do."

Christina Cadorette, senior MBI major and integral part of organizing the event, was extremely happy with how smoothly the show went.

"There really weren't any big issues," Cadorette said. "The show was a success."

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the concert!
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excited to see the opening act than the headliner.

"I'm here for Freddie," said senior television studies major Paul Shaw. "[The concert's] cool though, go LSC!"

The show opened at 7 p.m. with Lyndon State College senior Freddie Losamba, followed by Dunn, an up and coming rapper from Brooklyn, NY.

Once the opening acts finished, there was a 15-minute intermission while the sound crew set the stage.

The crowd erupted when Moufy and the rest of the Star Gang affiliates ran on stage.

Moufy performs at the Alexander
Twilight Theatre

Left: Moufy performs. Right: Freddie Losambe opens the show



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Photos by Sierra Willenburg

Left: Moufy performs in the Alexander Twilight Theatre

Below: (t to b) Rapper Dunn Lemagne entertains at the Moufy concert

LSC student and music artist Freddie Losambe warmed up the crowd

The crowd pump their hands in the air for Moufy



LAX Set For Playoff Against Husson

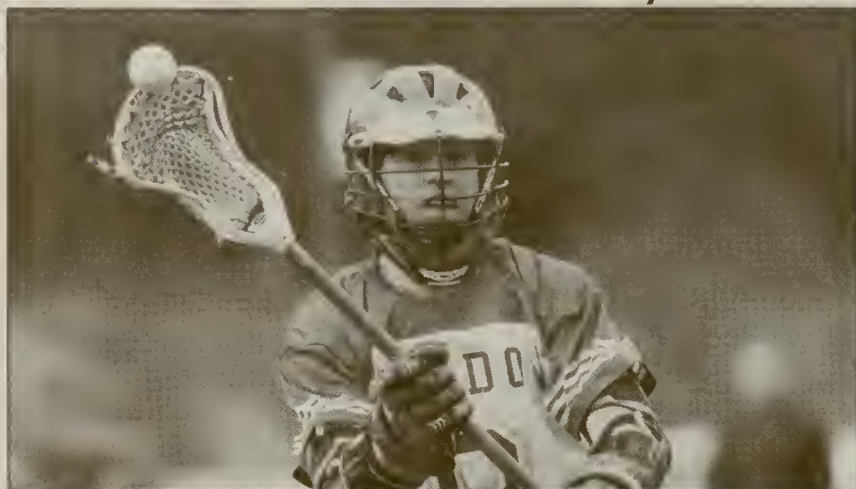


Photo by Bryan Barber
Junior attacker Anthony Amoroso and the rest of the LAX team will have to take the offensive to survive against Husson.

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State College Lacrosse now knows its first-round playoff opponent.

The Hornets will enter the North Atlantic Conference playoffs as the number-five seed, meaning that the team will take on number-three seed Husson in the NAC Quarterfinal.

Senior attacker Ryan Brown has a positive review of the

team's first game against Husson, even though the Hornets were blanked.

"Our first game against Husson we did really well," Brown said. "We possessed the ball, slowed the game way down. It was an 11-0 score, but that didn't dictate the play of the game at all."

Any possible momentum for the upcoming rematch against Husson is mixed at best

for the Hornets, who went 1-1 in NAC games this past week. The team started off with a 12-10 win against Thomas last Saturday.

Brown felt that the win against Thomas was huge for the Hornets, especially after some disappointing losses to other conference opponents.

"Beating Thomas was great for us because we had just lost to Johnson a couple of weeks ago, and that was a terrible loss for

us," Brown said.

Last Wednesday's game against Castleton was not as good for the team. Castleton defeated Lyndon State in a 12-2 blowout, causing the Hornets to lock in as the number-five seed.

Though his wish was not necessarily granted, Brown wanted to instill a certain mentality within the team before what would be the last regular-season conference game for the Hornets.

"I knew that Castleton thought that this was a gimme win," Brown said. "They were going to come out here, just going to play it light, and I didn't want that to happen. I wanted us to rally as a team and get together and actually prove ourselves on the field."

With a 3-5 record in conference play, the Hornets do not seem to stand a chance against Husson, which has 6-2 record against the NAC. Add that to possible scheduling conflicts for players like Brown, and the Hor-

nets might just get a quick exit from the playoffs.

"Going into the playoffs, it's going to be kind of difficult with the scheduling and crunching of time for that... I'm not going to be able to attend the game," Brown said.

Nevertheless, Brown will be with his team in spirit.

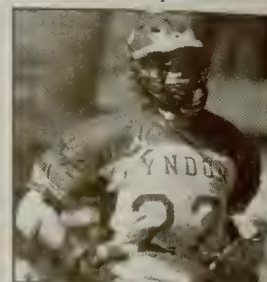


Photo by Lyndon Athletics
Senior defender Ryan Brown

"We're looking forward to getting up to Husson, giving them a run for their money, and coming for the upset," Brown said.

As the higher seed, Husson is awarded right to host the Hornets. The game will take place on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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LSC Tennis Has Historical Collapse

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

For the first since entering the North Atlantic Conference, the Lyndon State College Men's Tennis team is not going to the playoffs.

A 7-2 loss at Thomas last Saturday sealed the Hornets fate, placing them fifth in the NAC with a 1-4 conference record. The team needed to beat Thomas by at least a score of 6-3 to place in the top-four.

Sophomore Dan Weiner tried to pump the team up by posting a motivational speech on the Lyndon State Hornets Tennis 2011-12 Facebook page, a page which Weiner himself created.

In an attempt to play the role of the underdog, Weiner posted "...we have all intentions of completing a season that may not be looked upon as starting strong, but the dark horses that kept fighting and fighting tooth and nail against our odds."

Weiner was trying to get the team to realize the importance of the match.

"We needed some kind of emotional speech before we went into the biggest game of our year," Weiner said.

However, the message was lost upon the team, which caused Weiner to reconsider the way that he delivered it.

"If I had said that during the match, I feel like it would've gotten a better re-

sponse," Weiner said.

Amidst several disappointing conference losses, Weiner feels that his teammates did not show up to enough matches during the season, which he believes cost the team some important matches.

"I played 11 matches, and we played 11 matches this year," Weiner said.



Photo by Bryan Barber
Weiner tried to emerge as a leader, but it was not enough to save the Hornet's season.

"There were some guys who played nine, some that played eight, some that played four. You need to have consistency in your lineup."

As for Weiner, who is returning next season, he might reconsider making any more bold proclamations.

"Can I say anything about the NAC next year? Maybe I should shut my mouth this time," Weiner said.

Softball: One and Done

Phil Alexander

Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State College Softball is now in transition mode after a first-round loss in the North Atlantic Conference playoffs.

The Lady Hornets barely made the NAC playoffs with a 3-13 conference record, meaning that the team had to contend with the superpower is Husson in the first round. The matchup played out as if it were on paper, as the number-eight seed Lyndon State College lost to the number-one seed Husson due to the mercy rule. Husson needed only five innings to secure a 10-2 over the Lady Hornets.

Sophomore pitcher Meghan Gadapee took the loss just any other game.

"It's (the mercy rule loss) just part of the game," Gadapee said. "You have to take the wins and the losses, no matter how ugly they are."

To Gadapee, it was a lack of execution that really handicapped the team.

"It was a tough game versus Husson," Gadapee said. "We were getting on base and really threatening, but we just didn't get the runs scored."

Play from the previous week was the main reason for why the Lady Hornets were stuck in such a tough position. The team was swept by Castleton last Saturday, though both games were entirely different.

Gadapee thought that the start in the first game, which resulted in a 9-0 loss to Castleton, really told the tale.

"We started off pretty rocky the first game," Gadapee said. "We were kind of cold up at bat, committed a couple of errors on the field."

However, Gadapee was lights-out in the second game, holding the powerful Castleton offense to two runs in eight innings of work.

"The second game definitely was a career defining moment," Gadapee said. "Unfortunately they scored (the winning run) off of a base hit, but it was really coming down to that moment."

Though the second game against was really close, a sweep at the hands of Castleton eliminated Lyndon State from anything but the possibility of an eight-seed. Fortunately, the Lady Hornets were able to sweep Green Mountain, which ensured a spot in the NAC playoffs. In the most dominating effort of the season, the team outscored Green



Shortstop Jena Finnegan makes a hard dive at to try and tag out the runner.

Photo by Bryan Barber

Mountain by a combined score of 15-0 in just 12 innings of play.

"We struck early and often (against Green Mountain)," Gadapee said. "That basically kind of crushed their hopes right there."

The Lady Hornets need to be more consistent to avoid barely making the NAC playoffs again next season. In order to do that, the team will need to have more than just one returning player, which was the case for this season.

Gadapee happened to be the only returning player from last season, as the state of the team remains in flux from year to year. However, the loyal Gadapee remains hopeful that the team's foundation can stay strong for the future.

"As long as we keep together, keep practicing, build the chemistry, on and off the field, I think we're going to project a very successful season in 2013," Gadapee said.

Kevin Considers:

Take It Like a True Fan

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

As fans of Lyndon State athletics, I think we should be able to understand and not take for granted that your team isn't always going to be the best. So support them through the lows, and through the highs of their seasons, and THEN, you can act like you've been there before.

Like many sports fans on campus, I was watching game seven of the Bruins and Capitals playoff series. As everyone is now aware, the Bruins ended up losing by a final score of 2-1.

As there are a fair number of Bruins fans on this

campus, you could probably guess that there were a lot of people upset about this loss. Let me start by saying that I was just as disappointed as anyone else that they lost. I wasn't, however, about to head out of my room yelling and scream, slamming doors, and acting as if this was the worst thing in the world. I mean, hey, the Bruins could have not made the playoffs, like a certain team from Montreal.

Where is this passion in LSC sports games? Where are the fiery fans getting upset when their school's soccer team makes the NAC finals, or when the basketball team makes the NAC playoffs? I guess it just

shows one thing, and that is that some people just can't act like they've been there before.

NEWS FLASH! The Bruins, who were the second seeded team in the eastern conference of the NHL playoffs, JUST won the Stanley cup last year. How spoiled can we be as fans? Like I said, I'm disappointed as a fan, but I'm more disappointed in the way fans, that I saw, reacted to this loss.

Some teams, from professional to collegiate, have never even been in a playoff game. Many fans would be happy, just to make the playoffs. In a lot of sports, just getting to the postseason is hard enough.

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Shakespeare Company Plays History

Ryan Rutledge
Critic Correspondent

Ever been interested in American history, but classes bore you, and books just don't do much for you?

This coming Friday April 27, thru Sunday April 29 the Green Mountain Shakespeare Company will be presenting "The History of America (Abridged)" in the Rita Bole community room.

The show features LSC seniors Joe Biega, Freddie Losambe, and Isaac Tanney as well as LSC sophomore Marc Brunco. Director of the show, and LSC student, Ashley Ahern says the show, and the roles of the cast, is basically "a couple of guys who didn't know history got together and threw a presentation about history together as fast as possible" and it turns out to have some hilarious results.

Some of the personal favorites from the cast and crew were top-

ics such as the expedition of Louis and Clark done as a vaudevillian comedy act, a radio drama performed by the cast, conspiracy theories, and even a film noir of the mid to late 20th century.

After returning from winter break, the cast and crew began meeting to decide on a new show to perform. They had done "The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged" and decided that they would like to get together another show from the Reduced Shakespeare Company, the company who wrote the previous show that they had worked on. Cast member Freddie Losambe says "[History of America Abridged] stood out to the cast the most" and they just "love the company who wrote it, and the way they wrote this show."

The way the show has worked out is really interesting. While the cast did buy the rights to the script, there was actually quite a bit of ad libbing done for the show.

This will be the last for the

three senior members and is really just a labor of love for the whole crew. Bruno says he "hopes people really enjoy the fruits of [their] labor." Biega says he "couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with." Tanney feels "the past two shows they've worked on are the best [they] have worked on."

The relaxed rehearsal space and fun atmosphere really show how much fun the cast has had working on the show. During a break in rehearsal the guys sat around having an impromptu jam session and worked on tightening up one or two bits from the show. This alone really shows how well the cast and crew all get together to put on this show.

The show premieres this Friday April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Rita Bole community room, and runs the rest of the weekend Saturday April 28 at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday April 29 at 5 p.m.

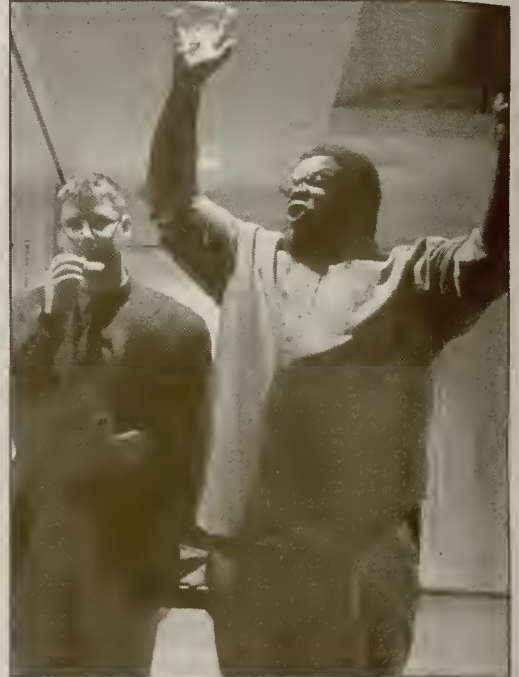


Photo by Ryan Rutledge
Actors Joe Biega (L) and Freddie Losambe (R) present "The History of America (Abridged)"

Passion For Floor Hockey Expands League

Ryan Holmes
Critic Correspondent

As the intramural floor hockey season comes to an end, the league looks to address conflicts for next season.

"It was very nice to see more and more students across campus find out about the league and join," says meteorologist major Jeremy Goldberg.

Increasing popularity seems to be adding conflicts. As the league expands, the level of competition has risen, as has the expectations for the new league managers.

"Dave Marks controlled all aspects

of the league previously. When he graduated in December, Andy Saltarella took over as commissioner," says Goldberg.

The league is mostly run by volunteers many of whom play in the league. Officiating, scheduling and statistics are all responsibilities of the league managers Andy Saltarella, Michael Desmond, Matt Drew, Uriah Burhans and Sue Henry. But with an expanding league, handling these responsibilities isn't always easy.

"It was nice to see the league growing bigger, but at the same time it leads to more issues juggling a season with 9 teams," says player Kyle Kurtich.

Goldberg says, "Because of the 9 teams, it was a very long, crammed schedule, and conflicts arose when certain teams asked to change times."

The league plans to try to resolve any kinks that need to be adjusted for next season. Reflecting back on how this past season went will help give the league managers an idea of what they can do to work out issues for next year.

"As with any transition, there are bumps," says commissioner Burhans. "Without 'one' figure head on top, there wasn't necessarily one person to make a final decision on something. Sometimes people didn't stick to their assigned duties."

Veteran player Joe Adams suggests "more commissioner meetings with team captains to discuss issues and how to solve them. I think that would help solve any problems the league is having".

Not only do managers hold plenty of responsibilities, but referees also have their fair share.

"Boundaries of good sportsmanship were occasionally breached in terms of language and treatment of officials," says Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Jonathan Davis.

Players in the league need to remember that referees are human too. Humans make mistakes and unfortunately so do the referees. It's the player's responsibility to understand and respect that the referees are volunteers that use their free time to officiate the games.

"Without the referees there wouldn't be a league," says commissioner Saltarella.

Despite the issues everyone's passion for the game keeps the league alive.

"Everybody in this league has one thing in common and that is we all love hockey. I feel that all the players come together every Sunday and Tuesday night for that reason. To be part of it and share together the game we love," says Goldberg.

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Burke Trades Skis for Bikes

Kyle Meacham
Critic Staff

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Fit With Forester: Finishing Strong



Morgan Forester
Web Editor

And it's back to freezing cold and rainy...got to love Vermont. It's days like these that make me want to pull on a thick sweater and curl up under a warm comforter with some hot tea and a movie. Sounds a bit like hibernating but if it

keeps me warm and cozy then I don't really care. Maybe it's just a strong case of senioritis (even though I'm not a senior). Any chance you're all feeling about the same? Well it'll take some willpower to pull yourself from your bed but if you can manage doing that this issue of the column may be able to help you beat the senioritis/hibernating syndrome and finish out strong.

Recipe of the Week:

Crock Pot Stuffed Peppers

Ingredients:

3 large bell peppers
Jimmy Dean fully cooked turkey

sausage

Uncle Ben's 90 second brown rice

1 can diced tomatoes

1 can or jar of tomato sauce (depending on how much sauce you like)

1 bag Steam Fresh veggies of your choice.

Directions:

Heat sausage, rice and veggies according to their respective directions. When all are done heating, cut the sausage into small pieces (you may want to do this for the veggies too) and combine everything together with the can of diced tomatoes in a medium sized bowl. Cut the tops off the peppers and clean out the seeds. Then stuff the peppers with the stuffing mixture in the bowl. Place the peppers in the crock pot and cover them with tomato sauce so that the entire bottom of the pot is covered. You may add more or less according to your tastes. Cook on high for 2-3 hours.

Exercise of the Week:

Butt Kicks

Simple movement but it will get your blood flowing and will keep you warm.

Begin by standing with your feet apart, knees slightly bent. Begin to jog in place. As you do this bring your heel up to touch your rear and continue doing so

alternating legs. Like high knees, it is the goal to get a large movement but instead of bringing your knees to your chest you are bringing your heels your glutes. Do this for a minute to get your blood flowing. It also can be used in between other exercises.

Activity of the Week:

Get Cozy

Have some free time? Use it to bundle yourself up, get comfortable and veg out with a good book or movie, maybe some tea or hot chocolate too. You can do this solo or cuddle up with someone special. The point is to take some time for you when you have free time so you won't be tempted to do so when you have to get to class or do homework. Use cozy time as a reward for getting all of your work done, or for going to the gym, that way you know you have been at least a little productive with your day.

Sullivans' Corner: Anzac Day

Austin Sullivan
Critic Columnist

While April 25 may not hold much significance for Americans, it does for Australians and New Zealanders. April 25 marks the 97th Anniversary of the start of the Gallipoli Campaign. By 1915, the 'War to end all Wars' had been raging on close to a year.

At that point, the fighting in Belgium and France had become a stalemate, while the Germans were beating back the Russian Empire along the Eastern Front.

During this time, delegates of the Entente Powers had discussed solutions to break the stalemate; including opening up a new front against the Ottoman Empire (joining the Central Powers October 1914).

The plan accepted, proposed by then British First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, was to seize the Dardanelles Straits. Seizing the straits, while leaving the Ottoman capital of Constantinople vulnerable, would also provide a trade route for the Russians in the Black Sea.

The initial operation was to be a naval one. A number of Royal Navy battleships, deemed too outdated to contend with the German High Seas Fleet, would force a passage alongside French warships.

The first offensive, lasting from February 1915 to March, ended in failure. A combination of Turkish artillery and mines sent a chunk of the fleet to the bottom, and the commanding officers at hand turned back in fear of further losses. Following this, it was decided that ground forces would have to take the Gallipoli peninsula, overlooking the straits.

It took a few weeks before the Entente returned to Gallipoli, giving the Turks time to fortify their defenses. The first landings occurred on April 25, 1915. The initial troops were the British 29th Division at Cape Helles, and the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) further to the north (their landing site will later be called Anzac Cove). All parties involved experienced heavy fire from the Turks, but managed to secure footholds on the peninsula.

For months, the campaign could be considered a bloody stalemate. The physical features of Gallipoli made offensives difficult, while disease was rife on both sides. Through the failings of several high ranking officers, the Entente were unable to breakthrough the Turkish lines. One notable instance was the amphibious landing made at Suvla Bay, behind the frontline. Facing light opposition, the British commander at hand

nevertheless was lethargic in taking the high ground, allowing the Turks to contain the landings.

Towards the end of 1915, it became apparent that the Entente would gain nothing from the stalemate. The first of the evacuations off Gallipoli occurred in December, while the last of the troops left by early January 1916.

Though the British, Anzac, and French soldiers involved fought bravely, the terrain and mismanagement of several officers saw the campaign end in failure. The fighting in Gallipoli saw 480,000 Entente troops committed, with 205,000 to 220,000 of them becoming casualties. The Turks won their hard fought victory at a price, with approximately 250,000 casualties.

If there was any good to come out of Gallipoli, it was the awakening of Australian and New Zealand national identity. Presently, Anzac Day commemorates those who have served in the military, and those who died in defense of the two countries. Though the US was not involved, I would ask all of you to give a small moment of silence for those lost on both sides in that bloody campaign.

PS: To anybody on campus who is from Australia or New Zealand, I hope I got the significance of Anzac Day right.

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The List: Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion *It's Shoe Time*

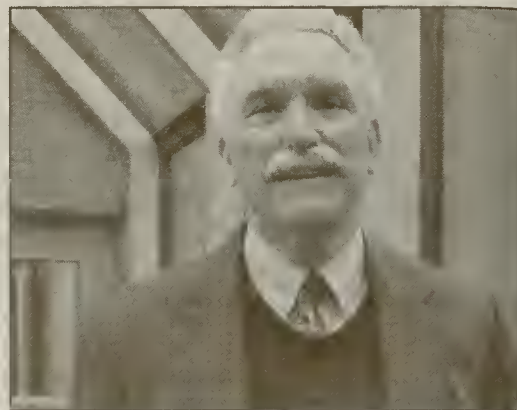
Yvonne Black
Critic Columnist

There are so many reasons why I love shoes. First, you don't have to go into a changing room to try them on. Second, they can be oh-so-sexy. I know, I know, I'm plugging myself right into the stereotypical "gal whose closet explodes with a shoe avalanche when the door is opened" category-but hey...if the shoe fits...

1) For spring, gladiator sandals are amazing. For summer, I prefer a thong sandal so I can kick them off easily at the beach or by the river. Freep-people.com and Nordstrom just released previews of their summer sandal lines. Check them out so you can start saving up for the perfect pair.

2) Evening shoes? Peep-toe pumps and color blocked wedges. Oh, and don't forget the pointy-toed stiletto, but ONLY if you can walk in them. Sure, the stiletto is sexy, but not when your skirt is above your head and your legs are bruised.

3) HEY GUYS. I know I ignore the men a lot with the advice- but here's a problem I see a lot with men and their shoes on campus. Unless I'm at the gym, I DON'T WANT TO SEE WHITE SOCKS. Black socks, please? Also, try to swap the Nikes for a pair of loafers every once in a while. The change is sexy. For summer shoe wear, I love men's gladiator sandals. Those athletic slip off sandals really should be limited to beaches and backyard barbecues.



STAND OUT STYLE

Name: LSC Interim President Steve Gold

Wearing: Coat, Shirt, and Pants: Land's End

Style Icon: "I was sent to boarding school where I picked up my style: Button-down shirts, ties, and V-neck sweaters."

Fashion Tip: "Buy on sale. If you can, buy through a catalog. Look for quality on sale."

Seniors: Burn Your Papers

Brittany Guwra
Critic Correspondent

As the end of April comes closer, graduation is looming over graduating seniors.

The never ending questions from family and friends begin months before. "What are your plans? What are you going to do? Where are you going to live?" And sometimes, you probably want to yell at them.

The thought of being out of school for the first time ever (for many people), is really daunting and very stressful.

To give you some hope, three Music Business and Industry majors, graduating May 13, were asked what they will be doing after graduation.

"I will be attending graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston. I will be getting my Master's Degree in Music Industry Leadership. I won't have

trouble getting a job after that," replied Dave Daly.

Stephen Boucher said, "I am going home to start a recording studio in the basement of my apartment. It should rule quite hard. For a day job, I will be returning to carpentry. The studio is with Ethan [Kascenska] and it's called Holy Cow Studio in Gloucester, MA."

"I have had the privilege of working and touring on and off with a band from Boston, MA as their merchandiser for the past year and I hope to continue to work with them as much as possible. I have also been working on an internship with another artist who has kept me busy on the business end of things and will lead to me being out on the road with them as well," said Aaron Gingras of his future. Aaron also plans on moving to Massachusetts later next year.

To deal with the stress and anxiety of

graduation, here are a few tips and tricks for stress relief:

- Go for a run/walk.
- Mosh in your room to some metal.
- Drink chamomile tea, but be careful. It's a stress reliever, but it will also make you very tired.
- Watch a funny movie. Laughing makes you feel better.
- Eat some dark chocolate.

Of course you can do anything else that makes you feel better as well. Anything that can distract you for a few minutes will help lower your stress levels.

Leaving school is a big step, and finding a job after graduating is an even bigger step. It can be hard and sometimes very discouraging, but keep the faith. Sometimes it just takes a little while to get the call back that will change everything.

Finding a job, especially for a bunch of recent graduates who have little "real world experience" in a bad, jobless economy, can be frustrating. The never ending sending of resumes and cover letters and then not even getting any confirmation back for months, really starts to get on one's nerves.

As you're searching and searching for someone who will hire you, just remember, sometimes it takes a while. It can take 6 months, a year even, to find a real, good paying job that's in a place that you want to live in. Discouragement comes with the territory, but don't let it get you down.

These are your last few weeks of school; just have some fun, be responsible, get through finals, and then burn your papers.



Photo by Samantha VanSchoick

Senior elementary education major and general manager of WWLR, Nicholas Brien, gave a tour of the radio station to first graders from The Barnet School. Students sang a song about Earth Day on the air and delivered messages about the importance of recycling. Above, Brien points to the music vault, where music is stored.

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VPR CAUSES STIR

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

One man's opinion about overhauling the Vermont State College system, as it is currently constructed, has brought both criticism and praise.

A Vermont Public Radio commentary about the VSC has caused a stir within the system.

The piece, aired Monday night, by Bill Schubart talked about the likelihood of supporting five Vermont state colleges in such a small state. Schubart's solution to increasing education costs was to enfold the VSC into the University of Vermont. This solution has been met by push-back from the VSC.

"It struck me that this was not a well-informed commentary by a very experienced commentator for VPR," said VSC Chancellor Tim Donovan. "It was full of inaccuracies and assumptions that made no sense. How do we think we are going to make this less expensive by rolling the least expensive option (the VSC) into the most expensive option (UVM)?"

Donovan sent a letter to Schubart addressing these con-

cerns on Tuesday after he was bombarded by calls, emails and text messages from those upset by the commentary. The letter highlighted some solutions Schubart suggested that have already been put in place.

Schubart said that any student attending a Vermont State College should be able to transfer credits to any other school or switch from one school to another easily.

Donovan said that possibility is already in place.

"We have one course database for the system," he said. "Credits taken at any state college count at every state college."

Rolling the VSC into UVM would not make financial sense. Donovan cited the recent hiring of Lyndon State College's president, Joe Bertolino, at \$142,000.

"There are 22 vice presidents at the University of Vermont that make more than \$150,000," he said. "If you were working within the (UVM) structure and had a campus dean, the University would be paying more than we are paying for presidents."

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A LITTLE MOORE

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Former Lyndon State College Carol Moore will return to campus May 13 to speak at commencement.

Moore will be joined by former LSC President Janet Murphy, who was president from 1977-83. LSC invited all former presidents to attend.

"I miss not seeing the students all the time," Moore said. "I miss bringing new ideas to the campus that will make things better for students."

Moore has spent the last year consulting, mentoring and writing. Moore has written about women's perspectives on various issues and wrote a piece on the importance of civic learning in college. She is currently doing a research project on female college student perspectives.

She said that Steve Gold has done a great job as interim president. Moore understands that it

is difficult to come into a position of power for only a year.

"It is a real challenge to say, 'what could I do to make things better at Lyndon?' as opposed to just standing in place," she said. "And yet, you don't want to go so far as to send the college in a direction that might be contrary to a permanent president coming in."

Moore has only communicated with incoming president Joe Bertolino by email, but she said she can relate to where he is coming from.

"People raised eyebrows when I came to Lyndon because I came from a school outside New York City," Moore said. "He is going to be like New Yorkers are: fast paced and wanting to get things done and done quickly. People should expect that is how most people from New York are."

While both Moore and Bertolino came to LSC from New York, how they got here is quite different.

"I came from the academic side of the house coming from a faculty position. He comes from the student side of the house and that is going to be good," she said about Bertolino's background in student affairs.

Moore says that Bertolino, at

48, is not too young to be president.

"He's not so young that you would call him a young whippersnapper," she said. "He is experienced and those experiences will serve him well."

She sees some problems with retention and recruitment at LSC, but thinks in general the school is heading in the right direction with things such as the Leahy Center for Rural Students.

"There is a good foundation here for a new president. It is a real opportunity for (Bertolino) because the folks at Lyndon are just terrific people," she said.

*What will you
remember?*

LYNDON'S
YEAR IN REVIEW
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Take a journey through the
past year at Lyndon through
the eyes of The Critic

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Campus Calendar

Fri. 5/4: Men's Lacrosse vs. Norwich U.
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A Quote to Note

"Revenge is sweet and not fattening."
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Deuces Lyndon, It's Been Fun

John Kleinhans
Critic Staff

Lyndon State College. A small liberal arts college located in the Northeast Kingdom with a population of just over 1,450 students. Filled with a mixture of professional programs and Liberal Arts, this gem of a school is a tremendous place to grow and reach your potential.

Four years ago in August I arrived for my first day of freshman orientation. My parents dropped me off at Whitelaw, and college began. I was nervous and begged them not to leave me in the middle of the woods, and stated that maybe I had made a mistake. My dad grabbed my shoulder and said "John go out there and be who you want to be." And with that reassurance, I walked into Whitelaw 809 and started my freshman year.

There are so many memories from freshman year and so many people that I will never forget. The Resident Life staff will always remember the dealings of Wheelock 410 and the incredible amount of shenanigans that the entire crew pulled. Believe it or not, once upon a time I too dealt out my fair share of shenanigans. There are so many students who, now thinking back, never

made it past that first semester. Maybe it was the fact that they weren't ready for college, or simply that college wasn't ready for them. I know that the college wasn't ready for one thing, and that was the John Kleinhans cups that made their rounds in fall of 2008.

The years past by quick and there are too many memories to account for in just one editorial. Throughout my sophomore year, Andrew Chapin and Tim Cappalli taught me about professionalism and what it took to be a professional student leader. We climbed some serious mountains that year, and it completed the revival of the once extinct Student Government Association. I also soared to the top of Mount Elmore in a pair of Sperry's on the RA Retreat. I can tell you one thing, I'll never do that again.

Junior year by far was the toughest year of them all and truly changed me as a person. This was the year I was honored to serve as Student Body President, and within the first week of the Fall semester, I faced my first real life problem, what should the SGA do when the Faculty Assembly has voted to investigate the President and members of her administration. While using the skills that Lyndon taught me in terms of crit-

ical analysis and thinking, I went with what I felt was right. My term as SGA President was both criticized and celebrated, and at the end of the day regardless of what you thought, I was honored to serve in this role. I could never thank you enough for giving me that unique and incredible opportunity.

This past year gave me a real opportunity to experience public policy and the State of Vermont as the Student Trustee of the Vermont State Colleges. I was proud to lead over 400 students to the State House to stand for increased funding for the Vermont State Colleges. It was inspiring to see so many passionate students take time from their studies to protest for a worthy cause. At the end of this year, I am proud of everything we have accomplished. I want to give special thanks to my best friend and girlfriend, Meghan, who has stood with me everyday through the thick and thin.

Without all of you including faculty, staff, administration and peers, I wouldn't be here. I wouldn't be at this point in my life and with that, I want to thank the wonderful community of Lyndon State College. You are truly amazing and will have a place in my heart for as long as I live.

President's Corner:
Thanks for a Great YearNick Russo
SGA President

Incredible. That's the only way to describe the last year of my life.

It seems like just yesterday that I was elected with 58% of the vote to become the next Student Body President. Now here I am one year later with only one week left as President and am moving on to being the next VSC Student Trustee. I always joke with people that if someone told me during my freshman year that I would do all these different things I would have never believed it. Thank you to everyone for the support, it has meant the world to me. I'm more excited than ever to see what the future holds.

With that said, I haven't abandoned my work as SGA President just yet. At the final SGA meeting of the year we approved a comprehensive strategic plan to help guide SGA affairs for the next 3 years. The plan

lays out six areas in which we will focus on improving the life of LSC students. Those six areas are: 1. Student Involvement and Leadership 2. Support Persistence to graduation 3. Engagement with the Northeast Kingdom 4. Provide transportation options 5. Green initiative 6. Foster positive, collaborative relationships.

A few of the highlights of the plan include developing a relationship between student-athletes and the SGA. To do this, we as an SGA have proposed a change to the constitution, creating a Student Athlete Advisory Committee seat in the SGA executive cabinet. We plan to install an SGA suggestion box in the student center so busy students may submit feedback about anything they want to see changed on campus.

The plan also calls for the consideration of several SGA leadership scholarships for any member of the student body to apply for. Our goal to provide transportation options includes looking at a safe ride program and shuttle for students. The shuttle idea is actually up for a student body wide vote this week, and is happening concurrently with the SGA constitutional changes vote.

The shuttle proposed right now would cost up to \$30,000 out of the SGA general

fund (which currently has about \$55,000 available in it). Unlike the vans the college currently has, this shuttle would be dedicated solely for student use. Students could book it to go to Burke for the day, go on a trip to Burlington, or go to see a popular movie off campus, for example.

Other points in the plan include continuing the green initiative by supporting the green residence hall idea on campus and educating the student body about the importance of sustainability. The final goal in the plan ties together all other goals. Our hope is to develop positive, collaborative relationships with all campus groups in order to seek the best outcome for our students. The full plan can be seen on the Lyndon SGA facebook page now.

I would also like to wish congratulations and best of luck to all of the graduating seniors. Many of you were the first students I met here my freshman year and it has been awesome getting to know you. I particularly would like to thank John Kleinhans for his leadership and mentorship for me over the last couple of years. Even though we don't agree on much politically, I'm sure you are headed big places in the future.

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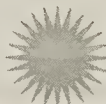


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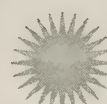


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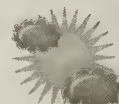


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My Reign Has Come to an End

Eric Blaisdell
Editor

Well my time here is done.

As I reflect on my past two years at Lyndon State College, especially my last year as editor of the Critic, there are a few things that stand out.

We have printed stories running the gamut from a presidential search to an alleged sexual assault.

I want to thank my staff for all the hard work they have put in to the paper. There have been many nights when we have stayed past 2 a.m. putting the Critic together and the paper would not be possible without them.

I came into this year as the only returning member of the Critic. I had no idea if I would have a staff to work with, let alone the amazing people that did step up and make this paper what it is.

The person I would like to thank the most is the Critic adviser Dan Williams. Without his attention to detail and shredding of the Critic every Friday this paper would be an unorganized, error filled mess. I wish him the best of luck in China next year and I know he will make a difference.

We have managed to upset some people along the way, but that's news. It is not always happy and positive. I am proud of the determination and professionalism that my staff has shown in covering the more upsetting topics.

I hand the reigns off to Samantha VanSchoick, who already has a head start on a staff for next year and will do a great job picking up where I left off. I know the Critic will only get better as there are some young, promising writers at LSC.



Photo by Bryan Barber

Eric Blaisdell reluctantly sports a Romney '12 t-shirt before participating in LSC's Spring Oip.

Times They Are a-Changin'

Samantha VanSchoick
Managing Editor

As our current editor, Eric Blaisdell, graduates to gallop on into this wild world, I would like to announce that I will be taking over the metaphorical reigns on the horse that is the Critic.

First I would like to congratulate Mr. Blaisdell on being a great editor, and in this particular metaphor, a great cowboy. I wish him all the best.

I would also like to thank our layout editor, the wonderful Sierra Willenburg, who really is just a pretty fantastic person, friend, and brilliant designer. In this metaphor, she's the farrier.

And last, many thanks to our amazing adviser, Dan Williams, who recently received a year-long Fulbright Scholarship to teach in China. Congrats Dan, even though I will definitely miss your advice next year. And, in case you were wondering, he's the "law."

A few things I've learned about journalism from these fabulous people:

- 1) A paper can be creative *and* newsy.
- 2) Multimedia is not something to hate, it's something to embrace.

3) And every once in a while, after a hard days work, a glass of Jameson is not only relaxing, but also well deserved.

If it were not for these three folks, Critic would not be what it is and I would not know what I know. But times, they are a-changin'.

This horse is going to the groomers.

Next semester, you can expect a completely rebuilt website with comprehensive multimedia coverage. There will be a redesigned paper layout with a larger emphasis on photos.

Clearly marked distribution points around campus, so you will always know where to pick up a Critic. You can expect t-shirts, coffee mugs, and stickers with The Critic logo so you can advertise just how much you love us.

I'm pleased to say that junior Ashley Seymour was nominated by the Visual Arts Department to be next year's layout editor and has accepted the position. Morgan Forester, our current web editor, will be tackling the managing editor position. Erin Milne, critic staff writer, will be the copy editor. Sarah Murphy, staff photographer, has expressed interest in being photo

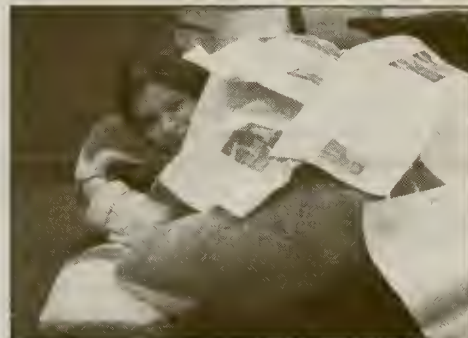


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Editor elect, Samantha VanSchoick, hiding beneath old Critic's on the floor in the office.

editor. To top it all off we have talented writers like Tyler Dumont and Katleyn Zenie.

We are always looking to expand the team, so whatever your talent, I'm sure you would make a great addition. I'm excited to get started with the new crew. But first, I'll look forward to taking a "break" this summer.

Public Safety Log

4/26 Rogers/stolen items from room:
Shouldn't have left that door unlocked.

4/26 Whitelaw/Intoxicated Minors:
Again guys? Really?

4/14 Whitelaw/Potential Misuse of Perscription Pills:
You can't prove it.

4/26 Crevcour/Medical: False Alarm.

4/26 Theater/Student intoxicated at Theater Event:
Yo, it's a concert bro, chill.

The Campus



5/1 Vail/ Student Gets Disturbing Message on Phone:
YOLO!

4/28 Rita Bole Complex/Marijuana puff, puff, pass

Free Pizza!

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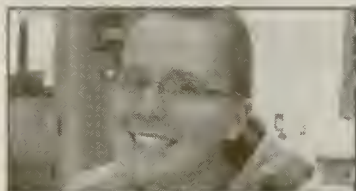
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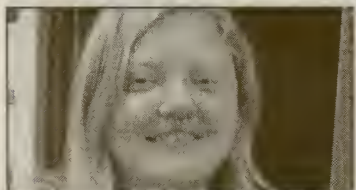
Senior Stories

The Critic asked seniors what was the craziest, dumbest, weirdest, most hilarious or embarrassing thing they had done in their time at LSC. Here are their stories.

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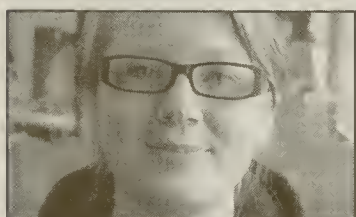
Danielle Drown - Social Sciences
 "[The winter before last] we got a really big snow storm, and school was cancelled but I was on campus and the parking lot was pretty much completely empty. I remember blowing donuts ... with one of my friends, and she was freaking out but was having so much fun. She was like egging me on."



Rain Nissen-Reilley - Global Studies
 "[A friend and I] were living in a house downtown, and we had so much snow in the front yard that we just decided that we wanted to jump in it, like kids. So we went on the first story roof and we made a snow fort, on the roof.. Then we took turns jumping off the roof into the snow piles. That was awesome."



Rebecca Allen - Elementary Education
 "One year on Halloween, I was a mermaid, I was Ariel, and I made the costume, it was skin tight. It was such a scandalous outfit. And by the end of the night it was ripped, right down the seam in the side, and I had to hold it together."



Nora Barney - Music Business Major
 "The craziest thing I've done had to be my Junior year. I was part of the Twilight players, and we did a production called 'Rent', and I had to put temporary tattoos on a girl's butt every single night."



Kris Lizzari - Graphic Design
 "The stupidest thing I've ever done at LSC is this interview."



Robes and Rewards

Graduating seniors attended the robing ceremony where they donned their caps and gowns. Department awards were also given to LSC's most deserving students.

Photos by Sarah Murphy

Professor Ernie Broadwater speaks to the newly-robed class of 2012

Below: (t) Students watch the robing ceremony in the Alexander Twilight Theatre (b) Senior graphic design major Charles Lockwood receives a Visual Arts department award for New Media from Professors Phil Parisi (l) and Barclay Tucker



10 Questions With Justin Chenette

LSC Student and Candidate for Maine State Representative

Tyler Dumont
Critic Staff

He has been on the Maine State Board of Education, a television political host, a communications intern, a youth organizer for the Democratic party, an assistant morning news producer, a news anchor and most recently—a candidate running for a state representative position in the state of Maine.

However, most Lyndon students know Justin Chenette as the friendly, personable guy who has been involved in almost every corner of the community.

From being involved with student government to becoming president of the Society of Professional Journalists, Chenette now faces the next chapters of his life as he graduates in December.

This week, The Critic sat down with him to learn more about what he's doing today and his dreams for the future.

Q: You've been doing television for years. Why have you decided to turn to politics now?

A: I've dabbled in both. I have always tried to keep them intertwined—seeing how government operates and holding

leaders accountable. It was difficult for me sometimes. During interviews with officials, I sometimes wanted to just interject but I knew I couldn't. I want to do something more important. It's about public service, not politics.

Q: Why did you choose Lyndon?

A: I did a campus tour of a bunch of really good broadcast schools. After visiting them, I felt empty. They were great campuses but there was not "meat" to it at the end of the day, you know? I came back to LSC almost five times for open houses and such before making my decision. It ended up being the only school I applied to.

Q: You're very upfront with your thoughts and concerns on student affairs. What makes you so vocal?

A: It's a spark of energy from within. When something irks me, I want [to] speak up and make it better or change it. People expect it from me now, they know I stand up for what I believe in.

Q: You are openly gay—how has that impacted you in being a

public figure?

A: I've talked to a lot of people, and it seems that it's better to not mention that component of my life in my campaign. I don't think it's really important, especially at this time in my life. I've always thought that it is about a person's soul. I know when to be professional. It's a "take it or leave it" attitude, you know?

Q: Tell me about your job at Fox 23 in Maine.

A: I am an assistant morning producer for a morning show. It is all off-air work, so there is no conflicts or anything in regards to my political positions. I've enjoyed it. I book guests and help make sure things run smoothly.

Q: What is your dream job?

A: I would love to be a political analyst on MSNBC.

Q: What is your favorite thing about yourself?

A: If I were to look at myself from a third-person perspective, my best quality would probably be my friendliness and openness with people. It's not always that way, and I know I sometimes slip up. I try to be



Photo by Tyler Dumont

Candidate for Maine State Representative, Justin Chenette.

positive and upbeat, both in school and at work.

Q: Tell me about your campaign slogan and why you chose it.

A: "Rethink priorities, reform policy and renew commitment." It's simple and to the point. We must do these things for our children!

Q: Who is your role model?

A: In terms of news and politics, it is definitely Tim Russert. I watched him every Sunday on NBC's Meet the Press. When he passed away, it hit me how great of a journalist he was. I loved the way he held politicians accountable and I think we need more of that.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Maine?

A: The people. When you go there, you'll feel the friendly and positive atmosphere. People will bend over backwards to help you. There are so many great people up there and I hope I am able to work with them as their state representative.

Chenette's Democratic primary will be held on Tuesday, June 12. There are about 900 people who are eligible to vote in it, and he's been busy trying to meet as many of them as possible. To learn more about his campaign, visit his website at www.justinforsaco.com

Housing Horrors

Kelly O'Brien
Critic Correspondent

The idea of housing selection is scary because so many things could potentially go wrong.

Students could room with a friend and risk ruining their friendship, one could pick someone random and end up with a freak, or a deposit could be forgotten risking having no place to live. All of these scary possibilities happened this year during the selection.

For starters, allowing the upperclassmen to select their housing first left few options for freshman. LSC freshman Jess Curley learned quickly that she was not the only student who desperately desired a single. As someone who does not work well sharing their space and things, she was forced to room with someone.

Not getting a single isn't the only bad thing that could happen; students could sign up for a triple and not even know it.

Freshman Duffy Webster and his roommate-to-be had gone to the assigned time slot they were given and found a room in Rogers that they wanted. When they arrived at the table, there was no resident assistant or resident hall director there to assist them.

They signed their name thinking that was how it worked. As freshmen they had never done housing so they didn't know any differ-

ent. As they were about to leave, an RA noticed what they had done and informed them it was a triple and they could not switch rooms because it was written in pen and refused to cross it out.

"Now we're stuck with an extra roommate that we don't want," he said about his current housing predicament.



Photo by Sarah Murphy
Duffy Webster was stuck with an extra roommate when no RA could assist him

That Friday morning there was a last minute selection for those who missed their time slots.

Freshman Kaylee Murphy had to sign her rights to someone and put all faith in them to assign her to a room because she had prior obligations. On top of this she hadn't put in her deposit yet and was afraid she wouldn't have a spot to live for next semester.

"Housing was horrible," Murphy said. "I was really stressed the entire time."

In the end, Murphy was put into a triple in Bailey; it's the last place she wanted to live but at least she has a room on campus.

Vikki Szamocki had a very similar experience because of her softball game schedule. The day of selection they had a game and would not return until 11:00 p.m. That Friday she also had a game where she was gone all day and had to rush to Resident Life before her bus left. She made it there for 8 a.m. and also got a room in Bayley.

Many students live off campus to avoid the process of housing selection, where to live, as well as the rules that need to be followed on campus.

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LSC Professors Honored with Opportunity

Danielle Drown
Critic Staff

One professor's initial reaction was, "Oh, f**k", while the other professor screamed, cried, and then called her son in New York, who automatically thought somebody had died.

Within the year, China and India will play host to part of the Lyndon State community as English professor Dan Williams and human services professor Margaret Sherrer have been named Fulbright scholars.

After applying in August, Williams just recently received the news that he would be teaching in China for ten months and hopes to be placed at the Xi'an International Studies University.

"The weird thing about this was I read it in an email at 7 p.m., but it had been in my email system since 12:30 p.m.," said Williams. "I just missed it. Ever since they told us the selection

would be between March and May, every day I was obsessively looking at my email. I'd do this all the time and I'd run to the Post Office before it closed and see if there was a letter. And then on the day it actually came, I just over looked it until, just by accident, I was going through emails at 7 p.m."

Williams said that he got the idea of traveling to China from a presentation made by Dean of Academic and student affairs, Donna Dalton, when she returned from a trip abroad. Dalton said that the college she had visited taught their journalism program in English.

"That just made a light bulb go off in my head or something," Williams said. At that point, the idea of an exchange between Xi'an and Lyndon was suggested and Williams was put in contact with the university's newspaper editor.

"We started emailing back

and forth, exchanging copies of our papers, the Critic for PACE, gave each other feedback, and that sort of blossomed. It's just been a cool relationship."

Williams' interest in traveling abroad and desire to go to Asia contributed to his decision to teach in China, but he worries about the language barrier.

"It (Chinese) is really different from the languages I've learned before. That will be a challenge."

Williams is unsure of who will take his spot at LSC while he is in China, but he is not worried.

"The Critic will be fine. With the editor for next year, the Critic will prosper. I think the journalism program will be fine too," said Williams. "The way you can tell if you're successful is if you know things would run fine if you were run over by a truck. I think everything will be fine."

Sherrer and her husband, a Fulbright scholar as well, will be traveling to India in December to teach and conduct research for four months at Rajagiri College of the Social Sciences.

"My interest in India goes way back to when I was a kid really. It just seemed like the right country," said Sherrer. "India has so many facets that I find interesting. They have an evolving infrastructure in terms of mental health services, and also a much more open attitude toward death and dying."

Having never been to India, Sherrer has anxieties about traveling to another country. English is widely spoken, but Malayalam is the language in Kerala, where they will be staying. She also worries about the amount of preparation for the trip ahead of her.

Like Williams, Sherrer intends to return to LSC after working overseas.



Photos by Danielle Drown
Professors Margaret Sherrer (top)
and Dan Williams (bottom)

"I do intend to come back for fall 2013 semester. I imagine coming back into the day to day Lyndon State world is going to be a little tough, but I'm looking forward to coming back and sharing what I've learned," she said.

'VPR' (cont. from page 1)

There had already been a study done by Governor Jim Douglas in 2009 that looked into the possibility of consolidating the VSC schools. The study said it found that a merger would impact the cultural differences of the VSC and UVM in a negative way. The study also said that a merger would not save much money and could "result in negative impacts on students if academic programs and facilities were terminated, consolidated, or relocated."

Schubart says that his piece was meant to be an opinion and to ask a question to open up discussion.

"I did expect that this would elicit a pretty strong response," he said, adding that the criticism that he did not do his homework about this topic was justified. "I don't always, because it's an opinion piece, call everybody involved. I try to be fair and I try

to be practical above all else."

Schubart said that of the responses he has received since the piece ran, almost half have been positive, a third have disagreed, and the rest said it was a good idea, but should be explored differently.

One of the inaccuracies in the commentary was that Schubart never brought up one of the VSC schools, the Community College of Vermont. The VSC includes Castleton State College, Johnson State College, LSC, Vermont Technical College and CCV.

"It was because I saw (CCV) as a much more regional initiative," he said.

Schubart went on to say CCV should have been included because it highlights his point even further. The census conducted in 2010 said the population of Vermont stood at 625,741 and there are six state funded schools of higher education with the VSC

and UVM.

"That is a full blown college system for every 100,000 people in Vermont," he said. "People forget that."

The piece was not meant to disparage the Vermont State Colleges. Schubart grew up in Morrisville, Vt. next to JSC and said all the VSC schools have a great reputation.



File Photo
VSC Chancellor Tim Donovan was not happy with a recent VPR commentary that suggested merging the VSC with UVM.

"I'm grateful that we have these schools, but there is a real question as to whether we can afford to manage all the unique infrastructures of all six of them,"

he said.

LSC President Steve Gold said that he considers Schubart a friend and is even on the board of trustees for Vermont Works for Women, a nonprofit organization, with Schubart's wife. Gold disagreed with Schubart on much of the commentary, however.

"Anyone who knows anything understands that a lot of what he said is completely off base," he said. "It really robs the commentary of any real value."

Even though the VSC has made it easy to transfer credits, like Schubart suggests it should, it is still not easy to move from one school to the next.

"If you are a student at Lyndon, you expect to stay at Lyndon and get a complete rounded education available to you here," Gold said. "I think that is just as true at Johnson and just as true at Castleton."

Gold did see some merit in

one of the issues Schubart raised. Another way that Schubart proposed cutting costs was to eliminate tenure for faculty. That was something that Gold agreed should be looked at.

"The institution of tenure for life for faculty could become a very major burden for colleges like Lyndon State College across the country," he said, adding that the idea of tenure is obsolete because of unions and contract negotiations. "There is the potential for that contractual situation to cover all the issues that tenure for life was invented to protect."

Gold says his thoughts on this topic may not be popular with the faculty.

"I am not suggesting that I would favor having it terminated, but I do think it deserves some thoughtful study about if it is the best way to move forward," he said.

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Critic Correspondent

Your textbooks may be worth more than you think.

Students begin to "lose" books at the end of a semester, when the bookstore knows what books they will need for the next semester, and raises their buy back price.

"Usually once or twice per semester, we find someone trying to sell a book that does not belong to them," says Sarah Bengston, Assistant Manager of the school's bookstore.

According to George Hacking, director of LSC's Public Safety, a few students have already reported that they have lost their textbooks. Since textbooks are valuable property, when you sell them back, you can earn up to half of how much you paid for them.

"If my book got stolen, I would think of the person who stole it as really poorly educated," says Ezio Zhou, student of meteorology. "But I would also blame my-

self for being too careless."

Those people who choose to take the risk and sell other people's books could face penalties from both the school and legal system.

"There are charges from the school that would be brought against individuals who sell books that do not belong to them," says Hacking. "They can be charged in a criminal court with possession and selling of stolen property."

According to Hacking, the bookstore is doing a great job keeping track of who bought the book, and who sold it. "People who come to sell books have to show us their photo IDs," says Bengston. "If we found that they were not the ones who bought the books, we would report it to Public Safety directly."

Students do not have to become victims of this crime; Bengston offers tips for prevention:

Tip 1: Do not leave your books or bag at the entry of the dining hall.

"Students tend to believe that other

people are honest, but sometimes people just aren't," says Bengston.

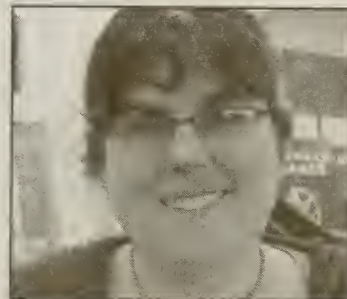
Tip 2: Make marks in the book.

For example, draw a star at page 14. "Students don't want to make marks in the book, because they think it might affect the value of the book," says Bengston. "However, as long as the book is still usable, marks won't affect its value."

Tip 3: Report to both the bookstore and Public Safety with the information of your book, which should include the name of the book, and any mark you have made in the book. Also provide your personal information and contact information.

"The most successful cases we have had were the ones that people have marked inside the book," says Hacking. "It could show that the book was exactly that person's book."

Not letting your book out of your sight is always the best way to prevent the stealing.



Photos by Sarah Murphy

Bookstore assistant manager Sarah Bengston (top) and Ezio Zhou want to alert students to the possibility of textbook theft

Gay-Straight Alliance Progressing

Shera Howe
Critic Correspondent

For a certain group of students at LSC, the hand-drawn posters around campus mark a new beginning.

The Gay-Straight Alliance, which faded out several years ago, has begun to make its way back. Figuring out schedules, fund-raising, and a more specific mission statement is always a challenge for a young, reborn club. Despite that, however, club members seem determined to make it work.

"I really want to see this grow," said club president Britton Durham.

Durham, after returning from a tour in Afghanistan with the National Guard, decided to come to LSC. The lack of a GSA on campus was something he, and other students, felt had to

be changed.

"I felt the school really needed something," said Durham. "Not just for gay students, but for everyone. It should be a place for everyone to come and feel comfortable to be who they are."

SGA representative Hannah Hamel agrees.

"It's not just for the gay rights movement or those involved in it. It's also a front for bullying," Hamel said. "It's such a huge problem [in] our generation, even in college."

The fact that LSC is so close to Lyndon Institute, Hamel went on to say, is also a contributing factor in how important the club could be to the community. Since ideas about community service and volunteering for next year are already being discussed, Durham and

Hamel feel that next year's GSA members could have more of an impact.

Restarting a club is rarely



Photo by Sarah Murphy

Student Britt Durham helped to found the Gay/Straight Alliance club at LSC

easy when all the seniors who previously formed its ranks have graduated. Durham and the rest of his executive board found scheduling meetings a challenge

this semester, particularly because of the lack of awareness around campus. Despite the hand-drawn posters and other attempts at promotion, Durham and Hamel believe that their lack of representation at Club Fair was part of the problem. While eight out of 15 students attend most meetings, they would like that number to grow.

While Durham and other executive board members say they will attempt to promote the club more through the summer, they have already hosted some events.

In particular, member Olivia Hamel found the AIDS event educational and relevant. A speaker from Vermont Care talked about AIDS awareness, as well as general safe sex practices.

The nonprofit organization, which offers free HIV tests

among its other services, is only one of the groups which Durham would like to have speak to the club and to the campus.

A possible goal for upcoming semesters would be to host a day-long "Pride Day" conference, said Durham, which would include multiple speakers and events. It would be open to RAs, professors, faculty, and students in order to address the issues of bullying, LGBTQ-related subjects, and the promotion of safe ally spaces on campus.

Since this is their first semester back, a lot of changes lie in store for the GSA. Fund-raising methods and a refocusing of the group's priorities and plan of action are to be discussed, as are other methods of promotion.

As of this semester, meetings are held Thursdays in ASAC 216 at 6:30 p.m.

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Balance of the Sexes

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There are over 100 more male students than there are female students at Lyndon State College.

54 percent of LSC students are male, which is opposite of the national average for college gender ratios.

The current national average shows most undergraduate colleges as having nearly 60 percent female students (ed-week.org 2011).

"I think every guy wishes the ratio was not as predominantly male at Lyndon," says Ian Sullivan, a senior majoring in social science and secondary education. "Though it's always good to have a few guy friends on campus."

He says that he feels his male and female peers perform similarly academically.

"There are some girls that are very driven, and some procrastinate and wait till the last second. It's the same way with guys though," says Sullivan.

The gender split can also be seen department by department.

The greatest percentage of females in a department is found

in pre-nursing, with 97 percent females.

For example, mountain recreation management is 82 percent male students, with the greatest percentage of males in any department.

"I think part of that has to do with the field itself," says Thom Anderson, mountain recreation management department head. "It's probably more attractive to men. I'm guessing."

Anderson says that though many people see it this way, the field is not just for men.

"We want to have more women in our department," says Anderson. "We need both genders because we are leading all kinds of different groups."

Anderson says that the males may sometimes think that they are better but that the woman perform equally to their male counterparts, and also usually take on more leadership roles in the classroom than the males do.

"We have plenty of females doing that and they love that, and they're awesome at that," says Anderson of the women stepping up as leaders.

Nicole Pfahl, a mountain recreation management major,

says she does not mind being in the gender minority in her department.

"I feel like they appreciate and respect me more. I feel like I was underestimated at first. Then you kind of have to prove yourself worthy" says Pfahl.

After pre-nursing, the department with the highest percent of females is psychology and human services. This department is 88 percent female.

Margaret Sherrer, department head and professor of psychology and human services says, "I think the gender split among our department majors is very similar to academic departments at other colleges and universities that offer degrees in the so-called 'helping professions' such as social work, human services, and nursing which tend to attract females in higher numbers than males."

Sherrer says she is more interested in attracting qualified students to the program than whether they are male or female.

"I think Admissions has a similar attitude about attracting interested students regardless of gender," says Sherrer. "Again, I think this is a larger societal issue with respect to the female

domination of the helping professions."

According to Sherrer, the fact that it is a predominantly female department does not mean that the males in the department do any worse academically or practically.

"We've always had outstanding male students who are

strong academically and are also very skilled in working with clients in the field," says Sherrer.

Mariah Ogden, who is a senior majoring in psychology and human services, says of the gender difference, "It doesn't really matter to me. I'm here to learn, not to meet a mate."

Percentages of Female and Male Students by Department

Dept	Female	Male
Atmospheric Science	29%	71%
Business	43%	57%
Education	87%	13%
Electronic Journalism Arts	31%	69%
English, Philosophy & Film	56%	44%
Exercise Science	39%	61%
Explorations	61%	39%
General Studies/Liberal Studies	65%	35%
Math/CIS	28%	72%
Mountain Recreation Mgt	18%	82%
Music & Performing Arts	27%	73%
Natural Science	42%	58%
Pre-Nursing	97%	3%
Psychology/Human Svcs	88%	12%
Social Sciences	39%	61%
Visual Arts	43%	57%

Chart provided by LSC

Take on the Challenge: Tough Mudder



Tough Mudder competitors Joe Kill (left) and Sara Swahn (right) prepare for the challenge

Photos by Morgan Forester

Morgan Forester
Web Editor

This Sunday, May 6 Team LSC will endure one of the most difficult challenges in the athletic world, Tough Mudder.

The team, Jason Clark, Aaron Cornell, Jonathan Dame, Stuart Farina, Joe Kill, Greg Ledoux, CJ Mauro, Darcie Miles, Leah Morgan, Allison Poulin, Takuya Shimamura, Meagan Swahn, Sara Swahn and Jaclyn Toney, will travel to Mt. Snow where the Vermont Tough Mudder competition will take place Saturday and Sunday.

Some of the team members took a minute from their training to share their reasons for

partaking in the competition and their goals.

"I was challenged to do it," says Leah Morgan. Stu Farina threatened to tell her father that she wasn't going to participate. "It's one of the toughest events on the planet so if you can get through that you can get through anything."

"I was very interested after the exercise science team did it last year and just to set a goal for myself to finish," says Darcie Miles.

Also inspired by last year's team Megan Swahn will also be a rookie in Tough Mudder 2012.

"I went last year as a spectator and as soon as they took off I got pumped and tried to keep

up with them," says Swahn.

Meagan is joining her sister Sara Swahn who competed last year. She recalls the obstacles from her last competition.

"They were all sucky. There are signs throughout the whole course saying 'remember you signed a death waiver'."

Swahn adds that this waiver means you do not have to do all of the obstacles, it's your life to risk or not risk.

Part of last year's training team, though not part of the competing team due to scheduling conflicts, a certain member of the team is more than eager to get out there, regardless of the potentially deadly obstacles.

"I'm hoping to be first for

our team! I'm hoping to finish under three hours which I have been told is do-able," Joseph Kill.

Each team member has their own reason for competing and their own goals for the competition but they have all been training hard. Many of them are part of a circuit training class led by team captain Jonathan Dame Monday and Friday mornings at 8 a.m. while others have taken to the outdoors to get ready.

"We went up to the [Lyndon] Town School and ran up sand pits and used the gym to practice for the obstacles," says Morgan.

Even as they train for this

year's big event Dame is already joking with his teammates about next year's competition.

"Our shirts next year should say 'I threw up on Mt. Snow'."

After ten miles and 30+ obstacles, including mystery obstacles, meeting them at the end is table after table of protein bars, bananas, Gatorade, Muscle Milk, water and a free beer. Of course this event is not just to prove strength and willpower, although it does both, all proceeds from Tough Mudder events go towards the Wounded Warrior Project to help soldiers injured in battle receive whatever care and assistance they need.

Lessons Learned From Our Veterans

Sarah Aube
Critic Correspondent

Over 25 students at Lyndon State College are veterans.

Many of these students have different attitudes about college because of their experiences.

One of these things is respect for authority figures.

"It's because of the discipline in the military," says Mark Hoffmann, president of the LSC veterans club. "When someone is up front speaking, you owe them the respect of listening."

Hoffmann served 27 years in the Army, and has now been retired for 8 years. He is graduating this May with a Bachelor's degree in business.

Dennis Querrard, who has been retired from the navy for four years after serving for 20, agrees with Hoffmann, saying he gets frustrated when there are students talking amongst themselves in the back of the classroom, or using computers while the professor is lecturing.

"We don't expect that here," says Querrard.

The change of structure is something that also bothers Mark Emerson, who served in the Air Force for 21 years. He retired 10 years ago, and is now a junior studying environmental science.

"I was used to being in the military where there is always that set of rules you have to play by," says Emerson. He says the lack of structure in school is, "nerve wracking. I miss my structure. It's hard to adapt."

It is also a different experience for them socially than it is for traditional students.

"We don't bond the same way," says Querrard. "We don't have the same connections. You generally find yourself communicating with other veterans because it's hard to communicate with non-veterans. We have a different perspective."

Hoffmann adds, "I think we'd rather talk together about world events than about what we did this morning or last night."

Most vets also feel that they are more serious about school than the average student coming straight from high school. This is both because of their experience in the military, and also because they are generally older than students right out of high school.

Querrard says, "We see the benefits we're going to get out of it. We have seen what it's like to work in the outside without an education, whether in the military or not."

Hoffmann adds, "Going to college is not a right, it's a privilege. For the veterans, it's definitely a privilege."

One of the few female veterans on campus, Liz Harrison, has been in the army for four years.

"Being older in school and having experienced different things is an advantage," says Harrison.

She also says that she feels that she has learned to appreciate life more because of her experiences.

"Sometimes people in general don't think that you're time here is precious," says Harrison. She's learned to appreciate life more since she's been in the Army "because you don't know when you're on a mission if you're coming back, (or) if you're going to be hit."

Harrison also spoke about some of the trials that she faced in the military.

After seeing someone who was close to her die and not being able to say her last words, she lives by the phrase, "live each day as it were your last, you only have one chance."

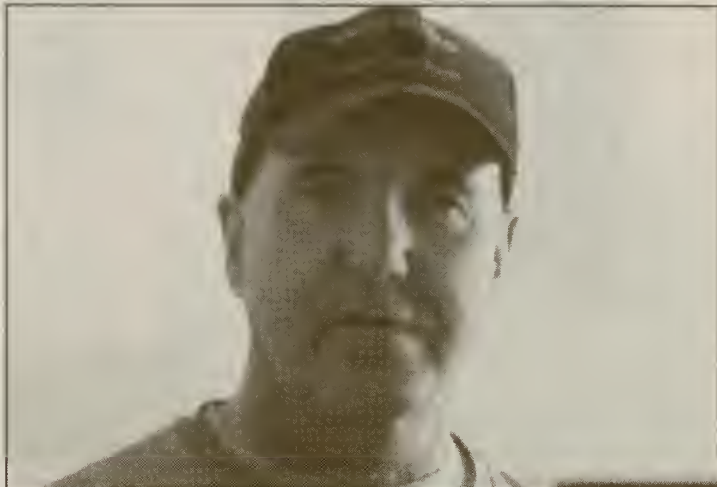
Emerson says that worst part for him of serving in the Air Force was holidays.

"I just tried not to think about them. I made it home for Christmas twice in 21 years," says Emerson.

Hoffmann says it is harder for the families than it is for the soldier.

"It's really tough on the families. The family misses them every day. They know that member of the family is not there and they are probably in harm's way," says Hoffmann.

He says that the soldier at least has the distraction of the job, and they can



File Photos

LSC students and veterans Mark Hoffman, top, and Mark Emerson, bottom

focus on that.

The veterans agree that life in the military was a challenge and they feel like it has taught them a lot.

"I wanted to serve my country," said Harrison. "I've always wanted to be in the military. I wanted a challenge."

Hoffmann agrees that he was looking for more of a challenge, after going to college and earning an associate's degree right after high school.

"I was looking for something more. I get bored really easy and in

the military, it was always different," Hoffmann says.

Emerson says his favorite part was the travelling.

"I loved it. I love travelling. I went everywhere. I still want to see the Great Wall of China, go to Italy, go to New Zealand," says Hoffmann.

The main thing that Hoffmann, as the veteran club president, wants is for more people to be aware of veterans on campus.

"We are making it aware to the Lyndon State College that veterans are here," says Hoffman.

Students Shift Into Summer

Chris Hogan
Critic Correspondent

In the next week, many of the students here at Lyndon State College will be packing up their things and heading home for the summer.

When heading home kids get to shift from school mode to summer mode. This means anything from jobs and summer sports to vacations and relaxation.

Transitioning from school to summer will not come without its own hitches though. Freshman Dylan Chase said that, "I'm defiantly going to miss all my friends I've made over the course of the year here."

For others it's going to be easier.

Eric Samson says, "I'm from a larger community

than Lyndon, so going home for me is quite easy because there are many things to do to keep me busy."

A good way for a college student to keep busy in the summertime is to get a job. Sophomore EJA Major Daniel Weiner works at Hannaford's in Wells, Maine to earn some extra cash. "Summer jobs are crucial to any college student, with all the expenses we pay."

Sophomore Courtland Hanley spends his summer working at a local Italian restaurant, as a pizza chef.

"I first started out as a lowly dishwasher," Hanley says, "But I was able to get moved up and now I'm a pizza cook. I also do other things if they need it, like prep work and the dishes too."

Expenses that students have to pay include that of housing and dining hall meal plans. While paying for the

meal plan one of the options is Stevens Dining Hall, which you can have an unlimited amount of meals if you desire to choose as your plan.

Another expense that students pay are for books. While the books found in the Lyndon State bookstore tend to be a little pricey, students usually find them online for a more reasonable price.

While most of the college kids are heading back home, freshmen Maggie Harrington has plans to stay in the town of Lyndonville. She said her plans were to "Live at my apartment here in Lyndonville, and work to help pay for it."

There are many things for students to do when the school year finally comes to a close and everyone is sent off to do whatever they so please.

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LSC Is GOLDEN

Since coming onboard as interim president at LSC in early July, Steve Gold had only a couple months to get his bearings and deal with a college that he thought was in flux, but quickly found out that that was not the case.

SECOND LARGEST CLASS ENTERS LSC

This year's freshmen had a record enrollment. LSC welcomed 281 Vermonters and 262 out-of-state students, making the class of 2015 the second largest class in Lyndon's 100-year history.



FACULTY AND STAFF WEIGH IN

The role of president at Lyndon State College was temporarily filled, but that did not stop faculty and administration from thinking about what is important in future leadership to keep the college moving in the right direction.



RALLY DEMANDS REASONABLE REFORM

Shouts for "Free Pizza!" resonated throughout the Alexander Twilight Theatre Lobby during a rally for higher education, offering a slice for a signature.

A petition that addressed the Vermont Legislature calling for "reasonable, incremental increases in state funding for the Vermont State Colleges in order to maintain high quality education and minimize student debt" was passed around the lobby for the Lyndon State College community to sign. Over a 100 names lined the pages of the petition, but only about 52 students, faculty, and staff stayed to listen to the speeches.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVEPLAST

The Ski and Ride club had received the funding it needed from the SGA to purchase an artificial snow surface.

The club had already been awarded the money in the Spring of 2011, but could not meet its obligations within a required timeframe so the money was returned to the SGA.

IT'S UP TO THE VSC

While Lyndon State College wanted input on its next president, it could only contribute so much.

In an update about Lyndon State College's presidential search, Vermont State Colleges' Chancellor, Tim Donovan, stressed that it is the board of trustee's responsibility to hire a new president.

2011

September

October

2012

January

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The search for LSC's newest president was narrowed down to John Ryder, Michael Sonntag, Margaret Madden and Joe Bertolino. Bertolino was offered the position and will become Lyndon's next president.



February



SHOW US THE MONEY

Over 350 students and faculty from across the Vermont State Colleges stormed the Statehouse Tuesday demanding more state funding for higher education.

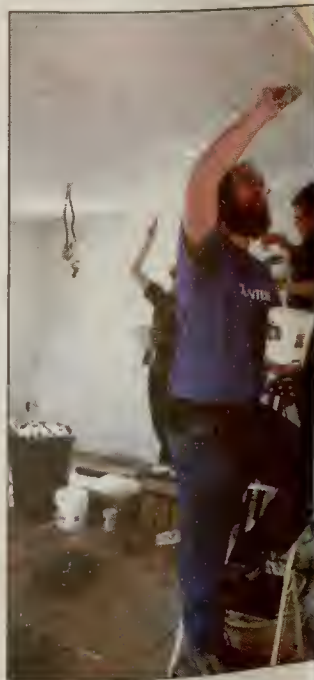
The rally came on the heels of a VSC Board of Trustee decision to raise tuition by about 8 percent over the next two years so the state colleges could continue to operate at current capacity.

March

TRADING PENCILS FOR PAINT BRUSHE

Lyndon State College students were hoping to return and continue working in Waterbury, Vt. during spring vacation in April.

They had just returned from working during winter break to assist with the rebuilding that is still taking place.



LSC STUDENT ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

A March 5 court date had been set for a Lyndon State College student accused of sexually assaulting a New Hampshire woman, last year, on the LSC campus.

Taylor Burke, 20, from Bennington, Vt., was "cited and released" earlier that week, the Vermont State Police said. He was scheduled to appear in Caledonia Superior Court.

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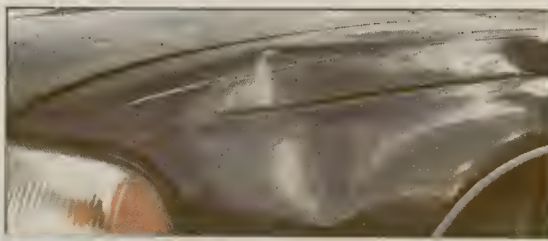
HOUSE ON MCGOFF HILL GETS PRICEY FACELIFT

The future of the house that Lyndon State College purchased on McGoff Hill currently sits in limbo, but the rent money is in the meantime. The Campus Planning Committee is presently working on some options, such as turning the 10 acre lot into campus housing or moving the maintenance plant to that location and building housing on maintenance's current site.



SKI AND RIDE WIPED OUT

Lyndon State's Ski and Ride's season was frozen before the first inch of snow had fallen. Ski and Ride violated school and club policy by allowing alcoholic beverages to be consumed by attendees at their preseason jam event, which occurred on October 22. As a result of this, the club lost the money it was given for the artificial snow surface.



DESTRUCTION LEADS TO SURVEILLANCE

On a chilly October morning, Lyndon State College Music Business and Industry freshman Dylan Frazier came out to the Stonehenge parking lot and immediately noticed the imprints of a size thirteen shoe in the side paneling of his car.

Because of incidents like this there are going to be security cameras put up in the parking lot.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS GETTING TUNED OUT

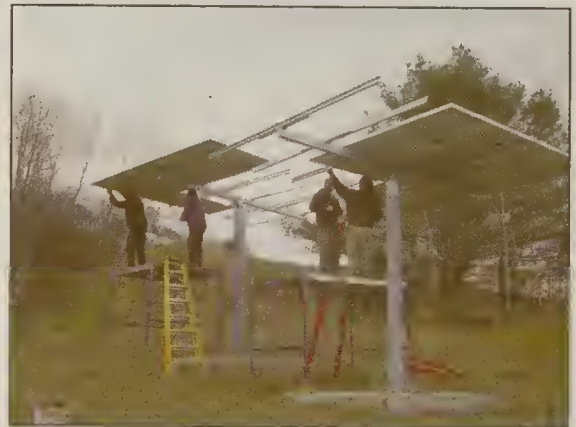
Administration had decided to take a new look at two classes that connect Lyndon State College to the surrounding community.

The community chorus and orchestra classes offered at LSC are not going away, but what is going to happen to them is still unclear. The options are to offer chorus and orchestra once a year, instead of once a semester, or to completely remove them as credit courses and pay the directors of the respective programs a stipend.

November

HERE TODAY, GONE NEXT YEAR

Holding onto the freshmen that Lyndon State College brings in is an issue without an easy solution. According to the Vermont State Colleges' website, the retention rate for first-year full-time students was 59 percent in 2009, the last year information was made available, and all accounts say the last two years were not much better.



THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Sustainability students and professors are hoping that it will be always sunny in Lyndonville, not just in Philadelphia.

After more than a year of working on financing and planning, students and professors have installed a solar system near the alumni house that will produce 5000 watts of AC power when the sun shines.

On average, the system will produce about 15 kilowatt-hours of energy per day. This is roughly the amount of power that it takes to run the alumni house.

December

COMING TO A DINING HALL NEAR YOU

Sodexo, one of the nation's largest food service companies in the world, has earned an approximate \$5 million dollar annual operating contract to take over dining services for four of Vermont's state colleges, and Lyndon is one of them.

BERTOLINO TAKING PAY CUT

Joe Bertolino will be making \$33,000 less next year to become Lyndon State College's president.

He currently makes \$175,000 as the vice president of enrollment management and student affairs at Queens College of the City University of New York. Bertolino signed a two-year contract that will pay him \$142,000 annually plus benefits as LSC's president.



SGA PRAYING FOR PAY DAY

All four executive board members of the Student Government Association had filed letters of intent to receive the maximum possible stipend, an amount of \$1,000.

The money would have been taken out of the Student Activities Fee budget, afforded by all Lyndon students, pending approval by the Student Government Body, SGA Advisor Melissa Nelson and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jonathan Davis.



SGA LOVIN'

There is a power couple in the Student Government Association. SGA Executive Vice President Sean Siciliano ran unopposed for SGA President and his girlfriend and SGA elected representative Samantha Lubke ran unopposed for SGA Administrative Vice President.

SPRING AT LSC

April

"THE NORRIS SITUATION"

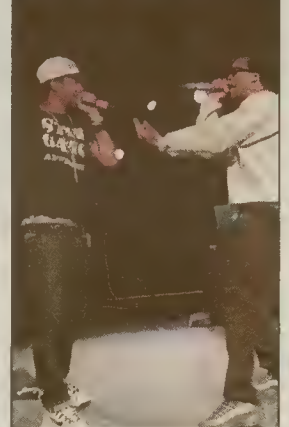
She walked into IT expecting to fix a problem she had with her course management software. What music professor Elizabeth Norris found were three people waiting for her and some man's voice coming out of a speakerphone claiming to be from the Vermont State College system. Those waiting were Chief Technology Officer Mike Dente, Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton, Chief Information Officer for the Vermont State Colleges Linda Hilton and the man on the speakerphone was Chief Technology Officer for the VSC Rick Blood. Norris had been in violation of the VSC's policy on third party software.

THREE YEARS STRONG

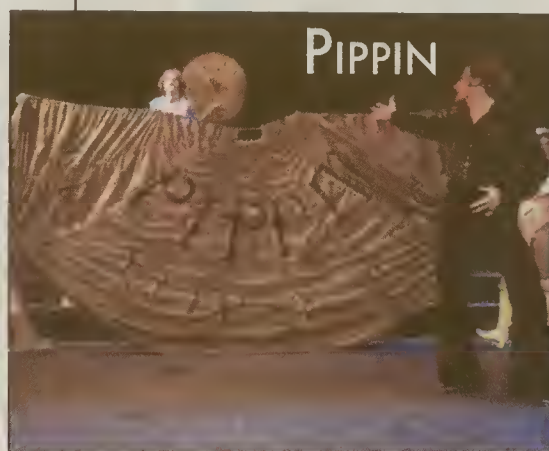


Outgoing Lyndon Student Government Association president Nicholas Russo reacts with a smile after hearing that he was elected to replace graduating senior John Kleinbans as the student member of the Vermont State College Board of Trustees. In an 8-3 vote members of the Vermont State Colleges Student Association chose Russo, a junior electronic journalism arts major, to represent the five state colleges. This is the third year in a row an LSC student has been elected to this position.

400 STRONG



A line of students stretched down the Alexander Twilight Theatre lobby, past the commuter lounge and all the way down to the Gravity Well, waiting to see Boston rapper Moufy perform. Over 400 ended up attending the concert.



PIPPIN

2011-12 Sports at LSC

Fall



Men's Soccer

Record: Overall 6-11-1 (3-5-1 in NAC)

Result: Lost to Husson in NAC Quarterfinals

Awards: Patrice Lumumba First Team All-Conference



Women's Soccer

Record: 9-8-1 (4-4-1)

Result: Lost to New England College in NAC Quarterfinals

Awards: Michelle Wilcox First Team All-Conference

Clockwise from top left: Phil Curll, Sarah Cornell, Ariel Wright, Wildens Fils, Allyne O'Hearn, Kaitlin Cunningham

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Women's Tennis

Record: 5-7 (4-4)

Result: Lost to Colby-Sawyer in NEAC Semifinal

Awards: Kayla Flynn Singles First Team All-Conference

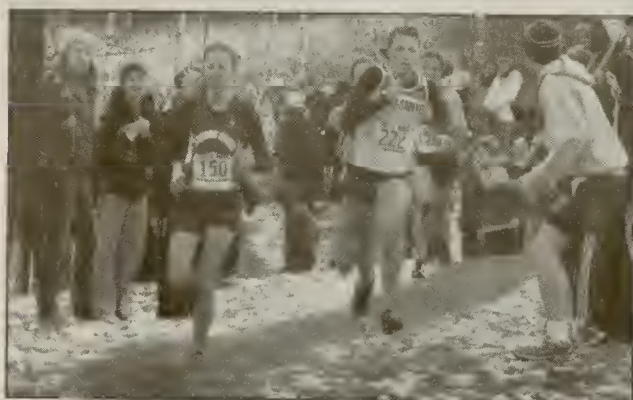


Women's Volleyball

Record: 6-15 (3-4)

Result: Lost to Husson in NAC Quarterfinals

Awards: Maegen Fried Second Team All-Conference



Women's Cross Country

Result: Fourth in NAC Championship

Awards: Allyne O'Hearn, Cassie Tricou, Ani Pytlewski Second Team All-Conference



Men's Cross Country

Result: Second in NAC Championship

Awards: Michael Farmer, Tyler Scheidenpflug First Team All-Conference; Josh Grant, Joe Kill, Jimmy Bielli, Wildens Fils, Kenedi Hall, Craig Johnson; Chris Ummer Coach of the Year; NAC Team Sportsmanship

Combined Record: 62-145-2

Winter



Men's Basketball

Record: 6-20 (6-12)
Result: Lost to Castleton in NAC Quarterfinal
Awards: Jason Gray Second Team All-Conference



Women's Basketball

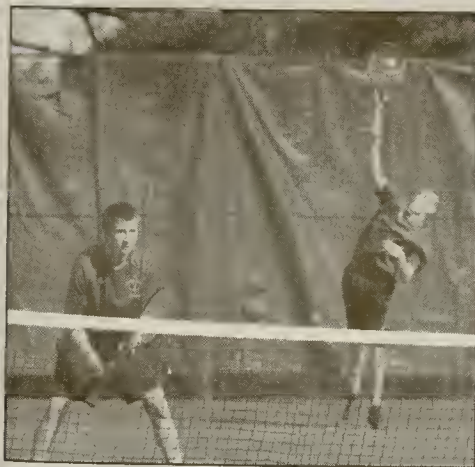
Record: 9-17 (7-11)
Result: Lost to Colby-Sawyer in NAC Quarterfinal
Awards: Donna Lawson Second Team All-Conference

Clockwise from top left: Jason Gray, Jasmin Amaral, Autumn Thompson, Teague Coyle, Chris Hogan, Daniel Weiner, left, and Tyler Schofield, right

Spring

Men's Tennis

Record: 2-9 (1-4)
Result: No Playoffs
Awards: Michael Howard Singles Second Team All-Conference; Tyler Schofield/Daniel Weiner Doubles Second Team All-Conference



Softball

Record: 11-24 (3-13)
Result: Lost to Husson in NAC Quarterfinal
Awards: NAC Team Sportsmanship



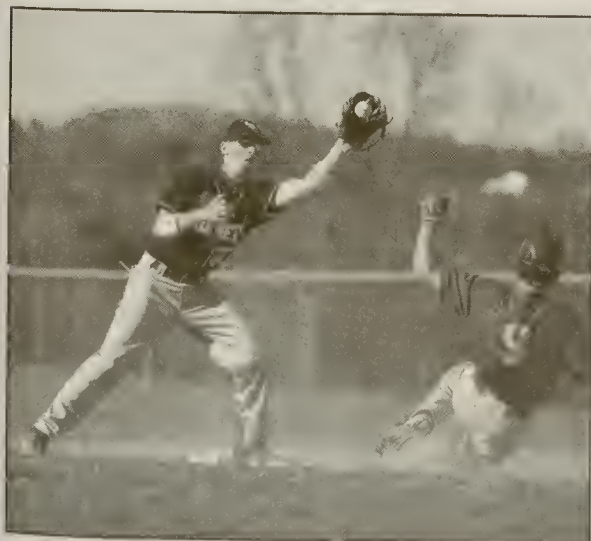
Baseball

Record: 5-26 (3-20)
Result: No Playoffs
Awards: none

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Men's Lacrosse

Record: 3-8 (3-5)
Result: Lost to Husson in NAC Quarterfinal
Awards: Not released



LSC Lacrosse Ends on a Loss

Lose Three Straight Games to Familiar Teams

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

David did not beat Goliath.

Lyndon State Lacrosse was unable to pull out the victory against heavily favored Husson in the North Atlantic Conference Quarterfinals. Husson scored early and often, defeating the Hornets by a tally of 14-1. This loss marks the third consecutive season in which Lyndon State has been ousted in the first round of the NAC playoffs.

Sophomore attacker Dan Randall cites lack of execution and communication for the

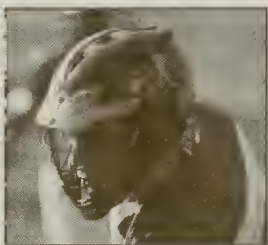


Photo Courtesy Lyndon Athletics
Sophomore Attacker Dan Randall

Hornet's most recent one-and-done performance.

"There wasn't enough control on attack," Randall said. "The rotations just didn't seem to be there. There was some miscommunication.

The team had to battle



Anthony Amoroso handling the ball at the Hornets' most recent game against Norwich University.



Photos by Bryan Barber

The Hornets get ready to start their match against Norwich University. The Hornets lost 16-6.

many injuries, and players like Randall are aware of the impact that it had all season.

"Our whole season was plagued with injuries," Randall said. "You gain all this chemistry from playing with other people, and then when one person's not there, you got to adapt... It's just tough."

Now the Hornets' window may have closed. The team currently has nine seniors, and they were responsible for a large portion of the overall production.

Randall is unsure of how the Hornets are going to rebuild.

"It's going to be hard to replace them (the current seniors on the team), if at all possible," Randall said.

One thing Randall does know though, is that the players who will comprise next year's squad will need to be committed if the Hornets have any shot of making the playoffs.

"We need a lot more dedi-

cation, definitely more discipline," Randall said. "It's not just about picking up a stick when you go to practice, it's about doing it on your off-time."



Lyndon's lack of scoring has hurt their chances at competing in most games.

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Kevin Considers: Sometimes Numbers DO Lie

Kevin Lessard
Co-Sports Editor

Statisticians and mathematicians will tell you one thing when it comes to numbers; they do not lie.

It's 2004, and the Boston Red Sox are losing their playoff series three to zero. In the HISTORY of the MLB, there were no teams that came back and won a best of seven series when losing the first three. That's a zero percent chance. Zero. None. No chance at all. But, as we all know, the story goes that they came back and won it all. A zero percent chance of winning, but they somehow do it. You know why? Because sometimes, the numbers DO lie.

It was just last year that the Lyndon Hornets men's soccer and basketball team made it to the conference championship. Previously, the men's basketball team had not made it to

the NAC Championship game. Even though both teams lost, the odds were stacked against them to even get to where they got.

There are times when a player's statistics don't end up matching with the outcome of a game. A great example of a player who did not live up to his expectations is LeBron James. Last year's NBA playoffs were a back and forth series with hard fought games between the Miami Heat, and LeBron James. James, who played well through the first three quarters of games, seemed to disappear and become a non-factor in crunch time. James, who had an incredible stat line and a reputation as a go-to player with the game on the line, seemed to be quite the opposite. The numbers, you guessed it, seemed to lie here.

If you look at a percentage, or the chance of something happening, there are bound to be times where the numbers lie, and things don't go according to plan. That is 100 percent.

Changes Are On The Way

Field, Coaching Staffs, and Facilities Being Revamped

Jesilyn Amsden
Critic Staff

Every year brings changes to the college campus and this coming year the athletic department has high hopes for many projects involving the sports teams and the fields.

Director of Athletics Christopher Ummer says there are many changes in the near future and many more potential projects that depend on funding.

The first project that many students may be aware of is the complete overhaul of the intramural/rugby/practice field near the stonehedge parking lot. The field is in rough condition and will be expanded to NCAA regulations for lacrosse and soccer.

The process is set to start in May and because of the amount of work that the project will in-

volve Ummer says, "the field will be completely hands-off until August so everything has a chance to settle for the fall sports season."

Another project for the fall season is the removal of the varsity field soccer posts, each held in place by a large amount of concrete. They have been in place for over 30 years and will be replaced by new portable goals.

If budget allows there is also hopes to build a permanent structure for the referees and announcers to use at mid-field. "There have been many occasions when audio could not be brought out for a game because of weather conditions and this would hopefully resolve that issue," said Ummer.

The basketball teams have

received team chairs for the sideline with the hornet logo on them for use in the upcoming season.

A few projects that are on the list, but also depend on what the budget allows for include both the softball and baseball programs. There has been discussion about adding bullpens to the baseball field, as well as building a small structure for use during games behind the backstop of the softball field.

"It's easy to determine what is needed to be done but it is not always easy to find the time. For example the much-needed maintenance on the baseball and softball fields takes time and when our college season ends the fields move right on to being used by summer leagues," said Ummer.

At this time there are only two coaching changes for the fall. Jen Kirchoff Layn, head coach of the softball team, is an alumni of Lyndon State, will be stepping down. Rebecca Armstrong Aubin, assistant coach for the women's soccer program, is also an alumni of Lyndon State. She has been a part of the pro-

gram for five years and has decided to step down and focus on family and her career.

The one large decision currently being evaluated that involves all sports fields is the issue of permanent seating at each location.



Emily Stese, is playing on the varsity field that is expected to be re-done this summer. The soccer goal posts will be portable

File Photo

Softball Coach Resigns

Phil Alexander
Co-Sports Editor

Lyndon State Softball head coach Jennifer Kirchoff Layn is officially out of the fold.

Layn, who is expecting her baby in seven weeks, has decided to step down as the head coach of the Lady Hornets to spend more time with her child when he or she is born.

"I've been here for six years," Layn said. "Now I'm married, and we're starting a family... I need to spend time with the child."

The Lady Hornets did not finish well last season, but Layn remains optimistic that the team is on the rise.

"They're (the Lady Hornets) going to be a very hard team to beat," Layn said. "They're a strong team; they're a very motivated team."

Whoever the next coach is, Layn thinks that the individual is in for a treat.

"The person will be getting a very energized team," Layn said.

The soon-to-be former coach of the Lady Hornets wants to continue coaching someday.

"Coaching is in my blood," Layn said. "I want to get into the youth program, and then eventually get up to high school level."

As for the here and now, Athletic Director Chris Ummer is in the process of finalizing a posting for the position left vacant by Layn. Some of the qualifications include a bachelor's degree, previous collegiate coaching experience, and having knowledge of all and any rules regarding NCAA Division III softball. Ummer plans to post the opening with the NCAA, on studentaffairs.com, and in various other newspapers as well.

Intramural Weekend Activities Winner:

Rita Bole Residence Hall

Intramural Floor Hockey League: Playoff Results:

Rabble Rabble def. I love Gramps

Roof def. Dirty Dancers

Scoregasms def. Hosers

Raw Dogs def. Whale Pack

Semi-Finals:

Roof def. Raw Dogs

Rabble Rabble def. Scoregasms

Best of 3 series Championship: Rabble leads Roof (1-0)

Finals Sunday Night: Rabble Rabble vs. Roof

League Top Goal Scorers: Corey Pronto, Timmy Patten, Luke Lacroix

League Top Goalies (Saves): Mario Viola, Ryan Holmes, Chris Immen

Intramural Basketball Finals: Real Hornets def. Tunechi (83-59)

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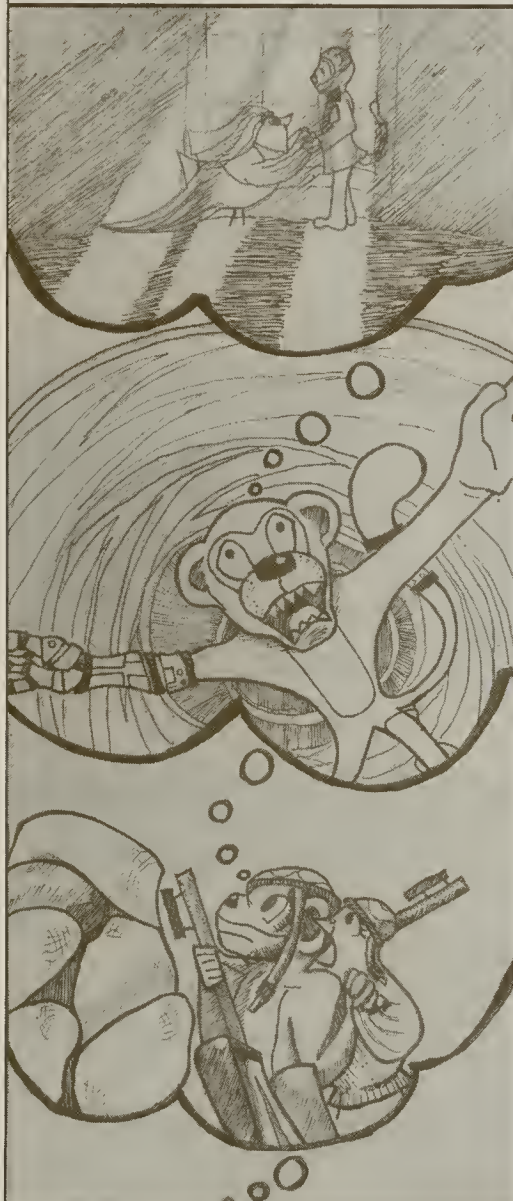
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Sullivans' Corner: *End of an Era*

Ian Sullivan
Critic Columnist

It might take a person with an astute sense of knowledge to know what April 30 means in Asian History, but it is something that those in the current generation should know. This past Monday, April 30, marked the 37th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. This Asian city was the capital of South Vietnam, which fell to the North Vietnamese forces more than thirty-seven years ago, effectively bringing the entire country of Vietnam under Communist rule. People who will try to find Saigon on the world map will have a difficult time, since Saigon goes by another name these days; Ho Chi Minh City, which celebrated the legacy of this Vietnamese leader, who is known seen today as the founder of Modern Vietnam. The fall of Saigon brought to an end a conflict that had affected the entire Indochina region (an area that included Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia) which had been going on for more than thirty years. Seen as a triumph by the Vietnamese Communists, the fall of this city marked a tragic end to a tragic era for the United States, which had been involved in that region for over twenty years.

But how did the United States become involved in a small area of Asia in the first place? The answer to this question actually goes back to the 1940's, just close to the end of the Second World War. During that time, the Japanese Empire had taken over the Indochina region from the French (which had colonized Indochina in 1887). Many Vietnamese Nationalists led by Ho Chi Minh helped to push the Japanese out of Indochina by early 1945 (ironically, they had support from the US Government in this matter). At the end of the war, the Vietnamese guerillas hoped that the Western Powers would allow them to become independent from their French masters knowing that President FDR was opposed to European Colonization.

However, this was the beginning of the Cold War, which split the world into two major groups of powers, the Democratic nations (led by the US) and the Communist nations (led by the Soviet Union). Because of the ties that the Vietnamese Nationalists had to Communism (and the fact that the US needed French support in Europe), the United States this time under Harry Truman and other nations (Great Britain and Nationalist China) helped bring the French back into Indochina, in an attempt to reclaim the empire they lost in World War Two. This eventually led to the French-Indochina War of 1945-1954, which saw the French defeated by the Vietnamese Communists (who had much support from the Soviet Union and China, when that country fell to the Communists in 1949).

This led to the Vietnamese country becoming split into two, with the north falling under Communism, and the southern portion following under the establishment of a Democratic regime, with the capital stationed in Saigon. The United States, wholly intent on preventing the further spread of Communism in the area, backed up the South Vietnamese Government. To make a long story short, the Vietnam War that the American people recognize was the attempt by the United States (along with South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and several other countries) in stopping the Vietcong (South Vietnamese Communists) and the NVA (North Vietnamese Army), from uniting the two Vietnam's together under a Communist regime.

However, after almost eight years of fighting the US was in South Vietnam since 1955, but serious action only started around 1964/1965 the American Government found that it could not find the advantage needed to defeat the Communists (in part by the frustrations caused by massive corruption in the South Vietnamese Regime, and the dogged determination of the Communists in not losing the war). By 1972, the American Government had pulled out of South Vietnam, leaving after the deaths of over 58,000 Americans, as well as hundreds of thousands of their Vietnamese Communists foes and civilians caught in the crossfire (we should not forget, though, of the two hundred and fifty thousand casualties that South Vietnam's Army suffered in this conflict). Three years after the Americans left, South Vietnam finally fell to the North Vietnamese (critic's state that this happened after Congress withheld funds to South Vietnam due to an economic recession affecting the US).

By late April of 1975, North Vietnamese troops had taken over most of South Vietnam, and were only a few miles away from Saigon. This saw the last major tragedy of this conflict, as hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese civilians, soldiers, and government personnel tried to flee their country onto the American ships that were right off the coast. Journalists during that time reported people hanging off of helicopters, falling almost instantly after not being able to hang on to the swift motion of these machines. In the end, only a small fraction of these people made it out before the country fell. The years that followed would see over one million refugees flee by sea, now known as the "Boat People." Saigon would have its name changed to Ho Chi Minh City soon after its fall, and all traces of a South Vietnamese Government were quickly destroyed. Even though it's been almost forty years, there are still many people that were affected by this infamous event. The only hope that one could ask for is that such a situation should never happen in the world anytime soon.

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Stevens Dining Hall

Monday,
May 7th

Wednesday,
May 9th

9:00pm-11:00pm
Stevens Dining Hall



Greg Besso

Critic Correspondent

Are your studies getting you down? Then why not unwind at a study break?

During exam week, various study breaks will take place in the Stevens Dining Hall. They will include tasty snacks, such as nachos, fried dough, and many others. They are all designed to help students get through finals.

Student reaction is generally positive. "They're well-needed," said senior Mountain Recreation Management major Jason Gaudreau. Many students enjoy the fried dough night. "It's one of the better nights...it's fried dough," Gaudreau said.

Other students aren't as enthusiastic about it. "Being a freshman and seeing how the other freshmen act around here, I don't think they're completely deserved...It serves a good purpose and it helps out a lot," said freshman Music Business and Industry major Emily Holton.

Those who do go can expect an experience to boost their morale and make it through exams.

Final Thoughts From the Entertainment Editor

The Do's and Don'ts of Lyndon State

Dana Berlin
Entertainment Editor

As my time here at Lyndon State comes to a close, I figured I would just take a moment to pass on some useful information to younger students. I have compiled a list of a few things I believe, as the entertainment editor, students should take advantage of while they attend Lyndon, as well as things they should avoid.

I can honestly say to my readers that not everything this school, CAB, or clubs put on is worth attending, but there are a few hidden gems.

First let me start off with hypnotists. I have attended two hypnotist shows during my time at Lyndon, and both times, I wish I didn't go. While it is cool to see people dance around pretend they are monkeys or goats or whatever they might be, it's kind of sad to see adults (yes, I refer to students here at LSC adults) pretending to be hypnotized when everyone knows what they are doing.

Both times I have been to the hypnotist, I was severely disappointed due to the lack of enthusiasm on the performers part, as well as the blatant acting by some of the students. I would steer clear of the hypnotist shows.

Soccer, Baseball, Hockey, Rugby and Basketball are all sports I would suggest going to watch. There is no better way to support your school and friends than by going and cheering them on while they take on other

schools.

Lyndon does have a lot of school pride, believe it or not, and there have always been quality turnouts for sporting events. As an athlete myself, there is no better feeling than seeing the bleachers full of fellow students cheering you on.

Students should, if they can, take advantage of a bus trip sponsored by CAB, either to New York, Providence, Boston,

or wherever they go.

I recently attended for the second time, a bus trip to a New Hampshire Fisher Cats game in Manchester, and boy, was it fun. Free food, good people, a baseball game; what is better than that?

CAB and the LSC Hockey team put on, twice a year, a free skate for students. It is completely free, and a great place to hang out with friends. As a

hockey player, I have attended this ever since I came here, and I'm certainly glad I did.

It is great to see 100+ students skating around, having a blast, participating in a limbo contest, and enjoying every minute. This is one event I would emphatically encourage students to attend.

I can understand why some students would attend this next event, but I find it absolutely

pointless, and have only attended this event once in my career here at Lyndon.

Tuesday night movies are probably the most pointless event on campus. I find it very silly to spend a Tuesday night sitting in the theater watching a movie with 50 other students that are talking and giggling, while spending 50 cents on popcorn that is dry and not worth the buy.

Graduation Word Search

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Ultimate Frisbee: Not Just For the Physically Fit

Michael Fisher
Critic Correspondent

Sundays at 3 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in East Burke the ultimate frisbee players meet to have pickup games.

To play in the pickup games you need a dark and/or white shirt to play on a team. Also water would be a great idea so you can stay hydrated.

"I may not be athletically built but I am athletically minded. Meaning I love going outside and getting a workout even though I don't have enough stamina. Then when I go and play I get taught by two of my teachers, Bozeman and Jay who is a faculty advisor,"

says Jeremy Hall, a freshman at Lyndon State College.

Hall started playing in the games this semester, when the weather allowed it. Matt Leblanc, Lyndon State College junior, got Hall to start playing after convincing him when the

"I may not be athletically built but I am athletically minded." - Jeremy Hall

fall semester ended.

Leblanc says "the games are very fun but only because the people that live around Burke come out play too. If they didn't then we wouldn't have enough to play games unless you wanted a three-on-

three."

At the end of the year students at Lyndon State College don't tend to go as often.

"It depends on the weather too though. That's why I didn't go last week," says Leblanc.

It's not just the weather because some of the students at LSC are just not motivated.

"I'm just too lazy to even bother playing ultimate Frisbee. I would rather sit around watch some TV or listen to music while on Facebook," says Austin

Roman.

There are students that want to get their homework done instead of physical activity.

"It's because of the weather and if I want to get my homework done if I have any left," says Ariel Wright, a freshman at LSC.

At the pickup games there are experienced players such as a teacher here at LSC, Dr. Bozeman, a mathematics professor. Since there are experienced players they can teach anyone who wants to play Ultimate Frisbee that doesn't know how to play.

The games at East Burke are very friendly but sometimes

there are arguments. When there are arguments usually the older players break it up and make an easy solution for both teams.

Normally there are no fights and everything runs smoothly, unlike the wind.

"The wind makes everything more interesting, because the wind makes the Frisbee go the wrong way of the player," says Hall.

"It does make [it] more challenging and fun at the same time," agrees Leblanc.

The wind determines the turnout of players. When it's hotter outside about 14 players show up ready to play and have fun.

The List: Grad Garb

Tips and Quips About Life and Fashion

Yvonne Black
Critic Columnist

So, I've heard a lot of seniors wondering what they will be wearing to graduation and graduation related festivities. Here are some tips on graduation wear.

1) Graduation garb for guys is pretty straight forward, pants, shirt, and classy shoes. Girls have it a little harder. With the weather we have had lately, a dress could get chilly. But no pain no gain, and who knows, maybe it will be warm under that black gown. I think color block dresses are the way to go. You don't want to be in a sea of girls who are all wearing white or black. Just don't wear anything you think would

be appropriate at The Packer.

2) Accessories are the most important part of the graduation assemblage. A dress is a dress, but what you'll notice in the photos along with mom and dad is the necklace, the earrings and the awesome wedges. I suggest bright spring wedges and no stilettos so that the heels are not digging into the grass.

3) The dinner cruise. This is what people have really been concerned with. A balance between class and warmth can be tricky. For the girls, leggings can really be a saving grace. They allow you to wear a dress or skirt, but still remain warm.

Congrats!



STAND OUT STYLE

Standing out when you wear a uniform can be hard, but sometimes a smile and some peach lipstick is the best way to do it. If you've ever been to the Hornet's Nest, you know that Maria and Rose are always sporting their smiles.

Name: Maria Smith and Rose Gagnon

Style Icon: Halle Berry

Fashion Tip: "In the summer you have to look like summer, wear high heels!"

Fit With Forester: Here's to the End

Morgan Forester
Web Editor

The semester is finally coming to a close. Most of you are already done for the year while some of you are frantically studying for those last few finals. Regardless of which category you fall in, regardless of whether you are graduating or just done for the summer, you're done. Breath deeply, take a sigh of relief, pat yourself on the back, whatever you do don't waste the freedom ahead. Forget the petty things and let go of the drama, you've made it and you should be proud. Now take some time to celebrate. It is good to be mindful of what you eat and your activity level but it's good to let loose too. You deserve it so treat yourself.

Recipe of the Week: Microwave Single-Serve Cake

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons cocoa powder
A pinch of salt
2 tablespoons milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 teaspoon oil

Directions:

Grease your mug, preferably with cooking spray so you don't miss any spots. Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl then pour batter into your mug. Place mug into the microwave and cook for one minute. Cooking time will vary depending on altitude and wattage of the microwave. If your cake is not fully

cooked after a minute continue to cook at 15 second intervals until the cake is fully cooked. You can either eat this straight from the mug or turn it onto a plate and add cream and berries.

Exercise of the Week: Jumping Jacks

It's a classic exercise we have all done since we were little but it will get your blood flowing and is a good study break exercise. Getting your

blood pumping will help wake you up, keep you focused and burn off some of the calories from your treat from earlier.

Activity of the Week: Saying Goodbye

I know a lot of us will be coming back in the fall and many of us live close enough that it really isn't goodbye, but network with your friends, RA's and professors. You'd be surprised the circumstances that

can come up that will change who you see next year. There are faculty and staff leaving Lyndon who have been welcome, familiar faces around campus so take a moment to talk with them or at least wish them well. Perhaps you'll be in an entirely different suite next year and you won't see your suite mates much if at all in the fall. Throw a going away/we made it through finals party for one last hoorah!

A Contemporary Look at the Seven Deadly Sins

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Revered as weakness of mankind, the seven deadly sins are coming into contemporary view, for a closer notion.

Sloth- The avoidance of physical or spiritual work. If you have any perspective on yourself, you must have an idea, a goal you are inspired to work towards, and thus knowing, you may achieve your goals. Such cannot be accomplished with the deadly sin of sloth.

Anger- Definition self-explanatory. Anger stems from disagreement, assuming differences. The trick to managing one's anger is to convert it into an intellectual argument against that which provides the frustration. A strong argument contains far more power than an outburst of unpleasant nature. There's no excuse for anger without positive action towards change and an agreeable alternative.

Greed- Greed is assumed to be negative, but could this just be because those who label others as greedy are simply envious, or worse, jealous? Acquiring and keeping as much as one can acquire and keep is certainly selfish. Who is to say that those with should share with those without? It's a kind sentiment, but not always real.

Envy- There's no reason to envy another. Look at the differences in a positive way, and aspire to be a better individual based on your positive influences. One must not become another person, but remain their true selves, only refined.

Gluttony- Food is delicious, but some say we should tone it down a bit. Our bodies only need so much, but we often push our limits for our own pleasure. Things feel good, and taste good, but is there a justifiable reason to take things overboard? Sure, lots of food and drink is great, but it should

all be consumed in good company and in strong appreciation. One must never eat or drink without appreciation, and a toast.

Lust- Might see some of that around college towns. It'll probably only be acceptable for a few years more once we graduate college, so get it in now. Might as well. If not, you will be a more holy person in the view of the Lord. Rock on. Without music.

Pride- Pride comes down to how one presents their confidence. Too little confidence and a man is weak. Too much confidence, hubris, and a man is cocky and disagreeable. Pride comes down to the control of the fluctuation between everything and self. There must be a balance between strengths and weaknesses. No need to compensate for ignorance. If you don't know something, you don't know something.

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To all of Lyndon State's Graduating Seniors,

Congratulations and Good Luck!

- The Critic Staff

Dippin' For Dough



Photo by Danielle Drown

Students, faculty and staff rush into the library pond during the annual LSC Spring Dip.

28 students, faculty and staff took the icy plunge in the 6th annual Spring Dip, raising a record amount of \$1,859 for student scholarships, including a donation of \$1,100 from President Steve Gold.

Top student fund raiser: Amanda Bermard, \$276

Top faculty fund raiser: Professor Thom Anderson, \$140

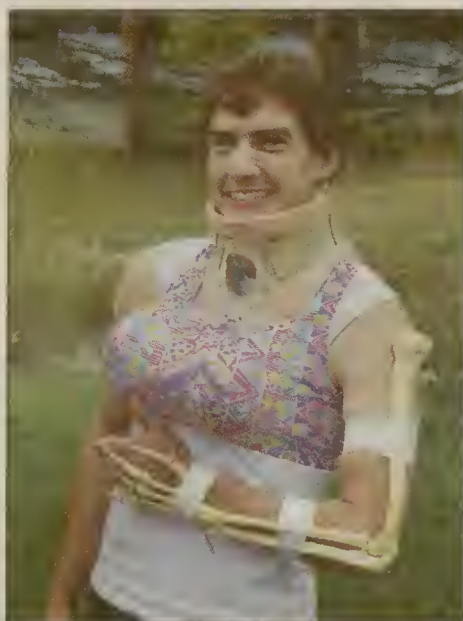


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Joe Kill poses in his dipping garb



Photos by Bryan Barber

Top: Takuya Shimamura

Top Right: Sarah Cornell

Bottom Right: Evita Sandoval's exercise science class before they take the dip

Bottom: (L to R) Jenny Harris, Eric Blaisdell, Dan Williams





